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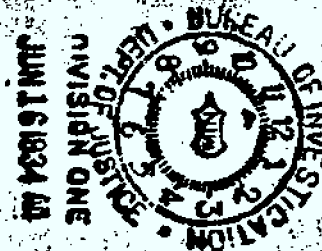
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
735 Philadelphia Savings Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Recently a memorandum received from the Detroit Office, dated July 14, 1933, by Special Agent L. D. Soocy, was noted as reflecting information regarding L. Roy Crites, former Subject of Detroit file 26-3861, who is presently said to be confined in the United States Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Crites is shown on an application filed by Richard Tallman Galatas, Subject of Identification Order Number 1201, when on April 27, 1928 Galatas applied for membership in the Elks Club at Detroit, Michigan. Crites' address at that time was shown as 467 Henry Street, Detroit, Michigan. RECORDED

It is now deemed advisable to conduct an interview with Crites for information which he might divulge that would be of assistance in locating Galatas. It is realized that Crites may be in the mood to furnish information of this nature. However, an endeavor should be made to elicit any data from him that he may care to offer. Crites' correspondence record should also be reviewed with a view to securing any leads of value.

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It appears that Richard Tallman Galatas was formerly in some way connected with the garage business in Detroit, Michigan, pursuant to reports received from citizens at Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he more recently lived. It is thought probable that his business in connection with automobiles was illicit and that he might have had a connection with Crites and other dealers in stolen cars. For this reason there may be found correspondence between them and if Crites should appear to be in a mood to furnish data it is possible he could be of assistance. Therefore, the Philadelphia Office is requested to conduct this interview at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

E. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases
(Deceased) ET AL - CONSPIRACY
TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Recently Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor, of this office, while in conversation with Mr. B. H. Thurman, former police detective at Kansas City, Missouri, were advised by Mr. Thurman that he believes that Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins and former Police Director E. C. Reppert, of Kansas City, Missouri, are personally aware of all details concerning the identities of the assassins who participated in the instant massacre.

Mr. Thurman, who is now engaged as an automobile salesman at Kansas City, Missouri, was for sometime Chief of Detectives of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, but during the past two years while the present city political regime has been in control Thurman was reduced in rank and finally, shortly after June 17, he was discharged from the Police Department by Messrs. Higgins and Reppert. It will be recalled that Mr. Thurman rendered assistance in the investigation in this case in its early stages by accompanying Special Agents in Charge R. G. Harvey and Dwight Brantley on their inquiries at Kansas City. It was found at that time that he had valuable contacts and he appeared sincere and eager to assist in the investigation.

Mr. Thurman, on his recent interview, volunteered further to assist this office in using his former contacts which he had as a police officer in learning any and all details concerning the identities of the participants in these murders. He expressed the opinion that through some of his Italian informants at Kansas City he might be able to learn data of this nature which he would in turn transmit to this office.

In support of his expressed opinion that Messrs. Reppert and Higgins knew of the identities of the murderers he stated that less than 24 hours after the massacre Higgins and Reppert called various

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police detectives, including himself, into conference and flatly stated to them that this was in no manner and by no means a police case and that the police officers should maintain a "hands off policy". The officers were informed by their superiors that the matter was entirely one for the United States Government. The instructions issued to the officers at that time were, of course, not observed by Mr. Thurman when he continued to assist the Agents of this office in the investigation, and it is obvious that his dismissal resulted from his disobedience.

Incidentally, Mr. Thurman advised that Thomas J. Higgins is inclined to drink intoxicating liquors to excess and that he knows of a certain Italian Cafe in Kansas City, name not mentioned, where Higgins and Reppert together formerly imbibed considerably. Also, he stated that Mr. Higgins becomes talkative under circumstances of this kind and that he believes through the services of a proper informant much information might at such a time be gained. He stated that he knows an Italian who was employed in the establishment mentioned and through him he will, when the occasion seems opportune, seek any information which might have been divulged by Higgins or Reppert.

Mr. Thurman is, of course, bitter toward the present police regime.

In the interview with him the Agents did not prompt his statements concerning the police officers as it was not believed good policy to lead in such a conversation. However, he was requested to secure any facts which he might be able to learn and to furnish them to this office, and he was assured that his cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

The above outlined instructions of the Director of Police E. C. Reppert and Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins to the detectives shortly after the murder of two Kansas City Police Officers, as well as of the other deceased officers, seem somewhat significant and would appear to indicate that Higgins and Reppert might have discovered the identities of the parties responsible for the massacre and that they might have been afraid to act because of underworld pressure.

Very truly yours,



M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Dear Sir:

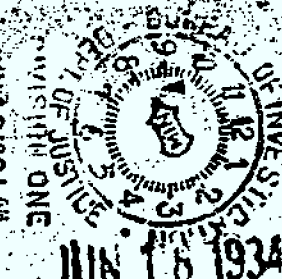
RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to the letter addressed by this
Office to the San Antonio Office under date of May 13, 1934, in
connection with the above entitled case reflecting certain infor-
mation secured from Mr. W. D. Greet, County Clerk, at El Paso, Texas.
It is noted that Mr. Greet referred to one George Sadlo, Professional
Gambler, now said to be in control of the gambling concessions at
McAllen and Laredo, Texas, and Matamoros, Mexico.

The information concerning George Sadlo appears very
significant. There has been a suspicion that Richard Tallman Galatas
might be in Mexico due to his non-appearance in any of the known
haunts of that individual in the United States where investigation
has been made. This office has ascertained that George Sadlo, to-
gether with his brother W. F. Sadlo, occupied Room 839 and later
Room 1041, which rooms were respective suites at the President Hotel,
for part of the time during the year 1932, and continuously to the
latter part of December 1933. It is not possible to determine from
the records of the President Hotel the exact dates when George Sadlo
and/or his brother, W. F. Sadlo, were actually occupying these rooms.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor, at this office, ascertained from
Mr. W. C. Maser, Auditor of the President Hotel, that the Sadlos main-
tained these suites on a permanent basis and did not check in and out
when they left. Mr. Maser also advised that the Sadlos while maintain-
ing the suites of rooms entertained guests from out of town practically
all the time, the guests usually being men. Mr. Maser also informed,
confidentially, that the Sadlos and J. W. Ward, who was also a resident
of the hotel up to a short time after June 17, 1933, were very close
friends and were associated in business together. J. W. Ward, it will
be recalled, was an intimate friend of Vernon C. Miller, Subject of this
case. In the list of local telephone calls made from the room of J. W.
Ward there was previously located the telephone number of Vernon C.
Miller's residence here, i.e. Jackson 7073. This number was called on

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several occasions. Ward played golf with Vernon C. Miller on June 16, 1933 at the Milbarn Country Club, Kansas City, Kansas, this being the day before the massacre at Kansas City. It is thought that the Sadlos are very closely connected with the individuals who may have been actually responsible for this massacre, and in view of the known connection of Richard Tallman Galatas with the instant case it is quite probable he might seek refuge with the Sadlos or through some of their connections in this or a foreign country.

The local telephone toll tickets of the President Hotel for the period when the Sadlos lived there are available only for the past few months and all were secured that are now available. They are quite numerous and are being retained in the Kansas City file for future reference. Most of the telephone calls recorded appear to be to hotels and speakeasys in Kansas City. The long distance telephone records are maintained permanently at the Hotel and a list of the calls made by the Sadlos was secured and will be quoted below.

Mr. Maser also furnished information that the business of the Sadlos in Kansas City, Missouri, was that of operating the Green Hills Country Club in Clay County adjacent to Kansas City, Missouri. It is known that the Green Hills Country Club was an enterprise owned by John L. Lazia, Italian Underworld Leader, who is politically powerful at Kansas City, Missouri. In a recent trial in the Federal Court when Lazia was convicted for failure to file Income Tax Returns in 1928 and 1929, the ownership of the Green Hills Country Club was a matter that was brought out, and it was shown that Lazia and Arthur E. McNamee, known as White McNamee, originally began the enterprise about 1928 and that same was a lucrative gambling proposition since there was a casino maintained therein. It was also found through the evidence presented in the trial in Federal Court that Mr. George Weinbrenner, professional gambling operator of St. Louis, Missouri, was interested in the operation of the Green Hills Country Club while it was being operated.

Investigation made through the office of the Internal Revenue, Intelligence Division, at Kansas City, developed no information with specific reference to the Sadlos and it was found that investigation by that organization extended only through 1929 since prosecution for Income Tax evasion is only begun after a two year period of such evasion.

The above information is given as a background to indicate the connections of the Sadlos with the strongest underworld group in Kansas City, Missouri, and also to show the possible connection

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between the Sadlos and Galatas through the friendship known to exist between Vernon C. Miller and that group.

The long distance calls recorded for the rooms of the Sadlos at the President Hotel are shown as follows:

From Kansas City, Mo.

<u>Date</u> 1933	<u>Destination</u>
February 9	St. Louis, Missouri, Forest 5183.
February 21	Detroit, Michigan, Townsend 88285
April 17	Havre de Grace, Md., telephone number not given.
April 29	El Paso, Texas - Main 4025.
April 28	El Paso, Texas - Main 1915.
May 10	Chicago, Illinois - Columbus 6544.
May 18	Chicago, Illinois, telephone number not given.
May 18	Chicago, Illinois - Superior 2380
May 19	Dallas, Texas, - L. D. 321
May 22	New York City - Ravenswood 87534 (or 81)
June 8	Detroit, Michigan, Townsend 8721.
June 9	El Paso, Texas, Main 889.
June 11	St. Louis, Mo. - Forest 5183.
June 14	Brownsville, Texas - L. D. 4
June 22	New York City, - Bainlander 41030.
June 23	Laredo, Texas, L.D. 4
June 30	Mishawaka, Indiana - S-91012 (or S-91012)
June 30	Mrs. Jackson, St. Louis, Mo., telephone number not given.
July 7	Chicago, Illinois - Victor 1392.
July 28	St. Louis, Mo. - Forest 5183
August 5	New York City - Ravenswood 87534
August 19	Detroit, Michigan - Townsend 87124
August 19	Dallas, Texas - L.D. 953
August 29	St. Louis, Mo. - Forest 5183
September 3	Chicago, Ill. - Columbus 6544 (or 41)
September 8	Evansville, Indiana - Mr. VanRoe, no telephone number given.
September 9	Same.
September 9	Same
October 5	Majestic Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark.
October 13	Detroit, Michigan - Madison 9660.
October 15	Hot Springs, Ark. L.D. 4
October 18	Detroit, Michigan - Townsend 8724.
October 26	Detroit, Michigan - Townsend 81214
November 15	Laredo, Texas - L.D. 4
November 27	Topeka, Kansas - 32237.

(Telephone calls continued)

November 27	Springdale, Kansas, telephone No. 2390
November 29	Miss Harris, Topeka, Ks. no telephone number given.
December 7	Topeka, Kansas - telephone number 33257
December 7	Same
December 12	Same
December 30	Same

Copies of this letter are being indicated for each of the following offices: Los Angeles, Detroit, Washington Field, El Paso, Chicago, Dallas, New York City, St. Louis, Indianapolis and Oklahoma City, in order that those offices may make discreet investigation at the earliest possible date to determine the identities of the parties holding those telephone numbers to which calls were made from the rooms of George Sadlo and others at Kansas City.

Through this means an effort should be made to develop the identities of the contacts of this gang with a view to locating Richard Tallman Galatas, who is the only remaining fugitive in this case that would probably be harbored by the Sadlo group.

It is suggested that the San Antonio Office, after completion of the investigation suggested in the letter from the El Paso Office of May 18th, consider the advisability of an investigation at Matamoros, Mexico to locate Galatas.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. NATHAN, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

REPORT MADE AT: Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-5-12-34	REPORT MADE BY: D. O. SMITH
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases-FUGITIVE Identification Order #1201, CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases- FUGITIVE, Identification Order #1194, et al;			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DERIVE A FEDERAL PRISONER.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Jules Galatas stopped at Exchange Hotel and frequented the vicinity of Montgomery and Commerce Streets in Montgomery, from 6-5-34 to 6-11-34, where he conversed with acquaintances and visited gambling houses. He received numerous letters from Chicago, Ill. bearing no return address, and received two telegrams from Chicago sent by "Corrine". Jules Galatas departed from Montgomery the morning of 6-11-34 via Greyhound bus en-route Chicago, Illinois. Pat Sturney is receiving aid from relief committee, stopping Y.M.C.A.; is employed occasionally in Montgomery. Mail covers reflect Sturney received letter from Helena, Arkansas, and Mrs. Sidney Galatas received letter from Atlanta, Ga.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. O. Smith, Birmingham, Alabama, dated 6-7-34.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA</u></p> <p>Continued surveillance of Jules Galatas disclosed that he obtained room at the Exchange Hotel, Montgomery, Alabama 6-4-34, and his movements were as follows:</p> <p>6-5-34 frequented "Bill's Place", a cafe and soft drink bar at 15 Commerce St., a barber shop, Sidney Cahn's Men's Shop, all near the corner of Commerce and Montgomery Streets, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. He had dinner at the City Cafe about 6:00 p.m., conversed with various pedestrians on the street, and at 9:00 p.m. proceeded to a gambling house known as "Turf Information" located at 122, (on the 2nd floor) Montgomery Street, where he remained until midnight.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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6-6-34, he left the gambling house about 8:00 a.m. proceeding to Exchange Hotel; proceeded to "Bill's Place" about 11:00 a.m. and frequented Sidney Cahn's Men's Shop, the barber shop, and engaged in street talk with pedestrian acquaintances until 7:30 p.m., when he had dinner at the Exchange Hotel Coffee Shop. He returned to "Turf Information" gambling house about 9:00 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. he proceeded to the Exchange Hotel where he occupied room 332.

6-7-34, had breakfast in Exchange Hotel Coffee Shop from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.; frequented Bill's Place, barber shop, and Sidney Cahn's Men's store, all in the immediate vicinity of Montgomery and Commerce Streets from 10:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m., conversing with numerous acquaintances. He proceeded to "Turf Information" gambling house, remaining there until midnight.

6-8-34, Jules Galatas returned to room 332 at the Exchange Hotel about 1:00 p.m. and remained in his room throughout the day. Apparently he was ill and indisposed. He proceeded to City Cafe about 6:00 p.m. where he ate, spending the evening conversing with various persons in the vicinity of the safe and the entrance to "Turf Information" gambling room. He returned to his room at the Exchange Hotel about midnight.

6-9-34 he remained in his room until 3:00 p.m. when he proceeded to the Exchange Coffee Shop, ate and frequented Bill's Place and the vicinity of the City Cafe until midnight.

6-10-34, Jules Galatas returned to his room at the Exchange Hotel about 1:30 a.m., remaining there until about 8:30 p.m. when he proceeded to Bill's Place, engaged in conversation with various persons on the street. On this day Jules Galatas made a local telephone call from his hotel room to Cedar 710, which is the Union Station, city ticket office. He returned to his room about 9:00 p.m. and soon thereafter a woman visited him, remaining in the room until about 10:00 p.m. The conversation between Galatas and this woman did not disclose any information of value to instant investigation. Galatas returned to the vicinity of Bill's Place, remaining there until 11:30 p.m. at which time he proceeded to the hotel, paid his bill, and left a call for 6:00 a.m. next morning.

6-11-34 Jules Galatas proceeded to the Union Bus Station, 181 Lee St. where he purchased a ticket on the Southeastern Greyhound Bus to Chicago, Illinois, leaving Montgomery at 7:00 a.m. The writer boarded the bus, riding same to Birmingham, where it was noted that Jules Galatas transferred to the bus enroute to Chicago via Nashville. He was wearing a grey suit, a stiff straw hat with black band, two-toned brown and white shoes and carrying a dark brown pig skin Gladstone bag. The substance of the above information was dispatched

by telegram to the Chicago office, 6-11-34, with the suggestion that a surveillance of Jules Galatas be maintained with a view to ascertaining his address and the persons he contacts in Chicago.

On June 5, 1934, Jules Galatas sent a note to the Postmaster by a colored porter from the Exchange Hotel, reading as follows: "Please give bearer my mail". The original request is on file at the Post Office, and tracing of the handwriting was obtained for comparative purposes. Post Office Inspector, J. A. McDonald caused a check to be made of all mail dispatched to Chicago, and through this source it was ascertained that a letter was addressed to Mrs. D. W. Gerson, 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, 6-7-34. The letter was typewritten and was mailed on stationery from the Jefferson Davis Hotel bearing return address 712. The envelope was addressed in long hand and it was established that no doubt this letter was sent by Meyer Gerson, former husband of Mrs. Gerson, and that he had suggested that she check over her safety deposit box and bring records of same up to date.

A typewritten letter, on stationery from the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, Ill. was addressed to Jules Galatas at 107 Dexter Avenue. This letter was postmarked Chicago, Ill. 6-5-34 and on arrival in the Post office in Montgomery was placed in the General Delivery box. It should be noted that 107 Dexter Street is a business address and it is possible that some individual at this address is acquainted with Jules Galatas and is receiving mail for him. Inquiry will be made at 107 Dexter Avenue for the purpose of ascertaining if Jules Galatas has a connection there.

E. C. Green, letter carrier #20 on interview at the Post Office, advised that he has served mail to the 100 block, Perry Street, for five years; that prior to May, 1933, Mrs. Bessie Rogers was proprietress of a boarding house located at 21 Adams Street, until the boarding house was converted into an office building; that Mrs. Rogers and some of her tenants moved to 120 1/2 North Perry St., where she became proprietress of the Perry Street Apartments. Among the moving tenants were Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Galatas. Carrier Green searched his address-book and found an entry indicating that Mr. & Mrs. S. E. (Sidney) Galatas began receiving mail at 120 1/2 North Perry Street, May 18, 1933. He stated that all mail is addressed to Mrs. Galatas, and stated it consisted principally of statements and bills from local firms. Green advised that all mail is left on a table in the lobby of the Perry Street Apartments, on the second floor. The building is an old structure and the furnishings are of medium class. Various transients stop at the apartment for short periods and depart without leaving forwarding addresses. The available records in possession of Carrier Green indicated that the following persons have moved from the Perry Street Apartments:

Mrs. L. B. Herrod, Moved to 22 South Lawrence (no date)
Miss Vera Mae Meadows, changed address to General Delivery 5-12-34

Mrs. J. J. Connors moved August 2, 1933 without leaving a forwarding address. This woman is the wife of a gambler and resides at 301 Clayton Street, and as noted on page 4 of report of reference, she drives an Oldsmobile Sedan bearing Alabama license #1180 C. Jules Galatas was seen riding with Mrs. Connors and another woman on two or three occasions during his visit to Montgomery. Carrier Green advised that he has never seen Sidney Galatas, but knows his wife by sight. A photograph of Richard Galatas, I.O. 1201 was exhibited to Green, and after examining same he stated Richard Galatas is unknown to him; that he has never seen such a person; however, he read of the "Kansas City Massacre" in the Montgomery newspapers several months ago and noted that a local man was involved.

A cover was placed on the mail received by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Galatas and Green was instructed to advise the Superintendent of Mails in the event suspicious mail of any type was received at 120 1/2 North Perry Street, and he was instructed to keep a close watch for any person resembling Richard Galatas. It should be noted that Division Identification Order #1201 of Richard Galatas is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Montgomery Post office.

In view of the fact that the agents who worked on this case were maintaining a surveillance of Jules Galatas, no direct inquiries were made at the Perry Street Apartments. However, a check was made of automobiles parked in the vicinity of the apartment house and it was noted none of them bore Illinois license tags. A similar check was made of automobiles stored in the Exchange Hotel garage, and it was also noted that none of these bore Illinois License tags.

H. E. Baird, Manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, was informed that Jules Galatas had registered at the Exchange Hotel, room 332, and Mr. Baird advised that he had perfected arrangements whereby he would be notified immediately in the event Jules Galatas made a long-distance call or received such a call from his room. Mr. Baird likewise arranged to be notified immediately in the event a call was made or received by Jules Galatas from any point in Montgomery, with a view of obtaining the name and telephone number and address of any person with whom he might communicate. Mr. Baird requested that his activities be kept confidential, and he was assured that his request would be honored.

W. B. Long, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, personally conducted a search of all messages sent and received to and from Montgomery between the dates of May 31, 1934 and June 11, 1934, and informed writer that no messages had been sent or received by Jules Galatas.

Mr. A. J. Campbell, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company personally checked all incoming and outgoing telegrams for similar period and on June 9, 1934, advised the writer that the following telegram was received:

"1934 June 8 5:55 PM QA 659 10 NM Chicago, Ill.

Jules Galatas
c/o Bill Toole
Montgomery Alabama

Company arriving tomorrow Saturday leaving Tuesday or Wednesday will write.

Corrine.

The Chicago office was advised by telephone the substance of the information contained in this telegram, with the suggestion that the identity of the sender and the 'company' referred to in the message be obtained.

On June 12, 1934, Mr. Campbell telephoned the Birmingham office and advised that the following message had been received:

"Chicago Illinois 6-11-34 QA 676 10 NM

Jules Galatas
c/o Bill Toole
Montgomery Alabama

Company leaving Wednesday afternoon Expect you arrive here same day

Corrine

Mr. Campbell advised that the above telegram was not delivered to Jules Galatas c/o Bill Toole, 15 Commerce Street, inasmuch as Toole stated Galatas had left Montgomery and could be reached at Apartment 611, 1117 North Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois.

It should be noted that Special Agent W. M. Sirene engaged a room 334 at the Exchange Hotel, and through this source the activities of Jules Galatas could be observed in room 332. Immediately after Galatas checked out of the hotel, Agent Sirene searched his room, and found three letters

in the wastebasket. One of these letters was written on the stationery of A. R. Hollender, M.D., 30 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The letter was dated May 26, and is quoted herewith for information:

A. R. Hollender, M.D.
30 No. Michigan Ave.
Chicago

May 26 -

Mr. & Mrs. Bert Gerson,
1117 North Dearborn

Dear Friends:

Please accept my thanks for the beautiful gift which I received today. I do not know what I have done to deserve it, but I accept it in the fine spirit in which it is given. I want you to know, however, that I am always at your service, for it is my purpose to assist people who need what service I can render them in a humble way.

Again, thanks! And warm regards.

A. R. Hollender.

Dear Pops

Hope you had a nice trip and that you didn't burn up the road too much. You know you might have left me a Pyramidon and a package of "eigs" nice pal you are.

Will be with Bert as many nites as possible so don't worry.

Love Corrine.

In view of the contents of the letter, it is believed that discreet inquiry should be made at 30, North Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, to ascertain the identity of Dr. A. R. Hollender. Two other letters were found which bore no address, however, they were dated May 30 and 31, 1934, and the handwriting is identical with the tracings of letters received by Jules Galatas, General

Delivery, Montgomery, Alabama, and it is believed the letters were no doubt written by Galatas' paramour, Mrs. B. F. Gerson. The letters failed to reveal any apparent valuable information in connection with this case. However, it is noted that one 'Corrine' resides with the writer of the letters and Corrine has a son who is attending school. It is believed that Corrine and Mrs. Gerson reside at 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago and that Corrine sent the telegrams to Jules Galatas at the instance of Mrs. Gerson. The above mentioned letters are attached to the Birmingham file in this case for future reference.

Former Special Agent M. J. Sherry ascertained that Pat Sturney, step-son of Richard Galatas, has recently changed his address from 5 Club View Avenue to the Y.M.C.A. in Montgomery; that Sturney was without funds or employment throughout May, 1934, and apparently received assistance from the Alabama Relief Association.

Through Postmaster Hoken it was learned that Bill Tolle, owner of "Bill's Place" above referred to, was influential in obtaining relief for various persons in Montgomery; that Mrs. Goodwin Jones, widow of a deceased gambler who was Toole's lieutenant, had assisted in relief work; that previous efforts to obtain information and records through Toole and Mrs. Jones had been unsuccessful; that the Disbursing Officer of the Alabama Relief Association was reliable and cooperative.

Fox Harmon, Disbursing Officer, Montgomery Relief Committee, Memorial Hospital, 711 High Street, obtained the file of Pat Sturney, case #14489, which disclosed that Sturney applied for aid April 18, 1934, giving his address at that time as 5 Club View Avenue, c/o J. L. Beach. Sturney gave his age as 22, stating he was born in Detroit, Michigan; that he was a clerk by occupation, but was unemployed; that he attended the University of Alabama 3-1/2 years prior to December 1933 and that he has resided in Alabama for the past 8 years. Sturney listed his nearest relative as Mrs. Galatas, occupation - salesman, but did not furnish the address of this relative. The file reflects that when questioned by the investigators of the relief committee, Sturney appeared humiliated or angry because he was questioned so closely relative to his family connections. Sturney explained that his father died when he was two years old and that his step-father was unable to assist him. He was rated as intellectually superior and certified for relief.

Miss Jane Sawyer, an investigator for the Relief Committee, made a comment in the file to the effect that the step-father of Sturney was connected with some offense and was being hunted all over the United States.

Miss Sawyer added that she did not know the details of the offense, but stated that Sturney had at one time had sufficient funds.

Mrs. Mamie Thornington, County Demonstrator, recommended that Sturney be awarded relief, stating he had visited her home and in her opinion he was worthy.

The Relief Committee records indicated that Sturney was last employed by the Civil Works Administration from Dec. 12, 1933 to March 31, 1934, at Maxwell Field, at 40¢ per hour. His Supervisor was Mr. Tyson, Director of Safety.

Sturney was issued checks for \$3.60 by the relief committee each week, on May 17, 24 and 31, 1934. When an investigator for the committee made inquiry at 5 Club View Avenue, on three occasions during May, 1934, he was unable to locate Sturney. Sturney subsequently telephoned Relief officials, stating that he was employed temporarily at "Silver's" 5¢ to \$1.00 Store and had worked two days. However, the amount of salary was unknown, awaiting decision on code agreement. Discreet inquiry at Silver's Store disclosed that Sturney was not employed there regularly. However, he was employed occasionally in the stock room.

Special Agent D. S. Hostetter ascertained that Pat Sturney is residing in room at the Y. M. C. A. Montgomery. A cover was placed on his mail at this address June 4, 1934. Agent Hostetter procured a room on the 3rd floor of the Y.M.C.A., has met Sturney and at present is conducting an undercover investigation endeavoring to obtain all information of value relative to the location of Richard Galatas.

Agent Hostetter ascertained that Sturney received a letter postmarked Helena, Arkansas, June 10, 1934, bearing return address, Frank Mosely. This information was transmitted to the Oklahoma City office by telegram June 12, 1934.

Postmaster Nolen advised that he is acquainted with one Hart Weir, retired bootlegger who has political influence, and by indirect conversation with Weir ascertained that while Jules Galatas was in Montgomery, he engaged in conversation with Ed Taylor, a so-called political "fixer", and that Taylor casually inquired if Jules Galatas knew the address of his cousin, Richard Galatas. Jules remarked, "Oh, I left him in an automobile" and stated this is the answer he usually gives when anyone inquires relative to the location of Richard Galatas.

Weir will be interviewed relative to information he can furnish or obtain relative to the location of Richard Galatas. Postmaster Nolen furnished the following tracings of letters received by Jules Galatas at General Delivery, bearing no return addresses and postmarked as follows:

1. Chicago, Illinois, 6-3-34, 10 p.m. (42) This numeral no doubt pertains to the station where letter was mailed.
2. Chicago, Illinois, 6-3-34, 5:30 p.m. (23) This numeral no doubt pertains to the station where letter was mailed.
3. Chicago, Illinois, 6-5-34, 7 p.m. This letter bore no numeral in the post mark, indicating it may have been mailed from the main postoffice of Chicago.
4. Chicago, Illinois, 6-6-34, 3:30 p.m. (12) This numeral no doubt pertains to the station where letter was mailed.
5. Chicago, Illinois, 6-7-34, 6:00 p.m.
6. Chicago, Illinois, 6-9-34, 8 p.m. Special Delivery. This letter was received in Montgomery 6-11-34, subsequent to the departure of Jules Galatas and is being held by Postal authorities awaiting forwarding address.

The Birmingham office will be advised in the event it becomes necessary to forward the last mentioned letter to the dead-letter office or in the event Galatas' forwarding address is received.

All of the above mentioned letters apparently were written by the same person and the handwriting is similar to that in the letters found by Special Agent W. M. Sirene in Jules Galatas' room. It is believed these letters were written by Mrs. Gersom.

Postmaster Nolen furnished tracings indicating that Mrs. Sidney Galatas, 120½ North Perry Street, received a letter from 1314 La France Apartment B, street designation not clear, Atlanta, Georgia, postmarked 6-5-34, Station B. Inasmuch as Jules Galatas is reported to have proceeded from Atlanta, Georgia to Montgomery, and in view of the fact that J. Albert Galatas has resided at #9, Cane St. Atlanta, a lead is being set out for appropriate investigation at these addresses, with a view of ascertaining if Richard Galatas can be located through these sources.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO OFFICE, at Great Northern Hotel, conduct appropriate investigation with a view of ascertaining if Jules or Richard Galatas frequents this hotel or have contacts there.

At 30 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, will conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain if Dr. A. R. Hollender is communicating with members of the Galatas family, with a view of obtaining all information possible relative to the location of Richard Galatas.

At 1117, North Dearborn Street, Apartment 611, Chicago, conduct appropriate investigation with a view of locating Jules Galatas, and ascertaining if Richard Galatas is known in that vicinity

BIRMINGHAM OFFICE, at Montgomery, Ala., will conduct appropriate investigation with a view of ascertaining if Hart Weir can furnish any information relative to the location of Richard Galatas. Weir can be located through Postmaster Nolen.

at 107 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, conduct appropriate investigation with a view of ascertaining if any person at this address is receiving or delivering mail for Jules Galatas or Richard Galatas.

At Atlanta, Georgia, at 1314 La France Apartment (or Street) and at #9 Cane Street, make discreet inquiry to ascertain the identity of the person who is communicating with Mrs. Sidney Galatas of Montgomery, Alabama. Also ascertain if any information of value can be obtained relative to the location of Richard Galatas through these sources.

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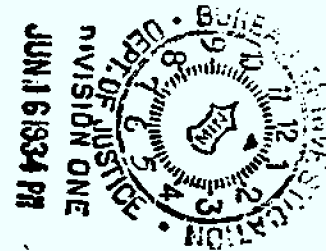
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U. S. Department of Justice

422 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.

June 12, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, (Deceased) et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to a letter dated June 6, 1934 addressed to this office by Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd of the Salt Lake City office.

It is respectfully requested that the Division consider the advisability of furnishing the Denver office with sufficient serials showing the history and complete background of this case, so that a file can be constructed.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman

JAY C. NEWMAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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*Answered - See Division letter
dated 6-15-34*

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June 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

I telephoned the Chicago Office and talked with Mr. Cowley with reference to the telephone call made to Mr. Nathan by Mr. Brantley on June 12th. Mr. Cowley stated that Mr. Brantley had furnished the Chicago Office with the information that Volney Davis had telephoned his sister from Hillside 912, which was believed to be the Hillside Police Station, Hillside, Illinois. Mr. Cowley stated that he and Agent McIntire had ascertained that the above telephone number is located in a saloon at Roosevelt and Mannheim Roads, where Mr. Cowley and Agent McIntire spent a little over a half hour yesterday. They learned that this saloon has been operated during the past month by an individual who formerly resided at Fox River Grove, where Louis Cernocky is located. This saloon is also located one-half block from the Mills Establishment which is operated by Doc Stacey, who was the Chicago contact man at the time of the Kansas City Massacre.

I suggested that if it were possible to do so that Volney Davis should be picked up and questioned in connection with the Bremer case. Mr. Cowley wanted to know what evidence the Division has implicating Davis in the Bremer kidnaping case and I advised him the only evidence thus far developed are statements made by Bessie Green and others which implicate him.

Incidentally, it is quite possible that Volney Davis participated in the Kansas City Massacre and that the photographs of Wilbur Underhill which have been previously identified by witnesses as one of the participants in the Massacre may have been mistaken for Volney Davis, inasmuch as Underhill and Davis resemble each other.

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Mr. Cowley stated that the inquiries being made by telephone with a view to locating a town possessing the sounds heard by Bremer so far as the Chicago district is concerned has developed information that the town of Woodstock, Illinois has some of the sounds heard by Bremer. I inquired of Mr. Cowley regarding the results of the investigation at Darien, Wisconsin and he had no information available concerning this. I suggested that the investigation in that vicinity be expedited and further that a recent report from the Chicago Office covering an investigation at Milton Junction, Wisconsin reflected that the fire siren was blown on January 28, 1934 at 11:15 A. M. which is coincident with the blowing of a fire siren at Whitewater, Wisconsin, a distance of 12 miles separating these two towns. I suggested that attention be given to this fire to find out where it occurred and which town responded to the alarm.

In connection with the telephone call which Special Agent Zimmer made to the Division yesterday regarding Jules Galatas, a cousin of Subject Richard Tallman Galatas, I called Mr. Cowley's attention to a letter of the Birmingham Office dated August 3, 1934 addressed to the Kansas City Office concerning the results of an interview had with Mrs. Henry E. Jones, 100 Forest Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, wherein she stated that Jules Galatas was residing in Chicago using the alias of B. E. Gerson and that in view of this information, it is apparent that Jules Galatas and B. E. Gerson are identical.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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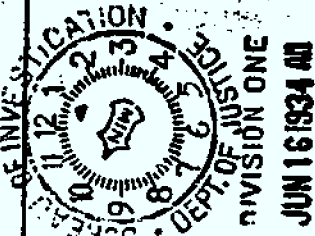
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REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/5&7/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. C. SURAN	GVT
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased, RICHARD TAILMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Jules Galatas made long distance telephone call June 3rd, 1934, from Montgomery, Alabama, to B. F. Gerson, 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. Jules Galatas receives mail through this address. Subject Galatas not known at 1117 North Dearborn Street, although there is some indication that he may have been there about two months ago.



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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. O. Smith, Birmingham, 6/7/34.

DETAILS:

On June 5, 1934, Acting Special Agent in Charge Hanson of the Birmingham Division Office telephoned the Chicago Division Office and advised Special Agent H. E. Hollis that Jules Galatas was presently in Montgomery, Alabama, and that Special Agent D. O. Smith and other agents of the Birmingham Division Office were at the time shadowing Jules Galatas in view of the possibility that he might contact his cousin, Richard Galatas. Mr. Hanson stated that as a result of the surveillance being maintained of Jules Galatas it was ascertained that at 12:10 a.m. June 3rd, 1934, he placed a long distance telephone call, station to station, from Montgomery, Alabama, to Chicago, Illinois, telephone number, Whitehall 4318, and that Special Agent D. O. Smith overheard part of the conversation and it sounded to Agent Smith as if Jules Galatas was speaking with some woman at the number called. Mr. Hanson furnished the further information that the telephone company

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at Montgomery, Alabama, had furnished information that the telephone number, Whitehall 4318, at Chicago, Illinois, was listed in the name of the Wenasco Company, 1117 Dearborn Street, North apartment.

Agent ascertained the above telephone number was listed in the name of the Dearborn Apartments, 1117 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, and inquiries at this address revealed that the Wenasco Company is a realty company handling the Dearborn Apartments for a bond holders' committee in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. H. G. Ivie, auditor at the Dearborn Apartments was interviewed and a photograph of Dick Galatas was shown to him. He stated that the photograph of Dick Galatas resembled somewhat a man by the name of J. M. Graham, who at that time was occupying an apartment in the building; that this man registered at the apartment on 5/13/34 and gave as his address, 711 W. 121st Street, New York City. He described this man as being about 50 to 55 years of age, 5'8" in height, and weighing approximately 140 pounds.

Further interview was had with Mr. Mylotte, manager of the premises, and Miss Vaughn, switchboard operator, both of whom viewed photograph of Dick Galatas and stated positively that J. M. Graham and Galatas were not identical. They described Graham as being about 55 to 60 years of age, 5'8" in height, weighing about 140 pounds, hair practically white and very thin. These persons, of course, were not advised as to the identity of the photograph displayed to them, and after the above investigation was conducted agent inquired if a Jules Galatas was connected with the Wenasco Company and received a reply in the negative. However, Miss Vaughn stated that she had been employed at the apartments since November, 1933, and about the first two weeks she was so employed she observed a couple of letters addressed to Jules Galatas care of this apartment house; that knowing no one by that name residing there she returned the same to the Post Office Department and shortly thereafter Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gerson, who presently reside at the Dearborn Apartments, learned that she had returned the letters to the sender, and advised her that in the future should any letters come to the apartment addressed to Jules Galatas they should be placed in the mail box belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Gerson. Miss Vaughn stated that since this time she has been complying with this request, and quite often, but with irregularity, mail comes to the address addressed to Jules Galatas, which mail is placed in the Gerson box, and that she has no information as to the final disposition of the mail matter. She stated, however, that in the most part the mail is enclosed in business size envelopes and appears to be heavy, requiring extra postage as she on several occasions has paid the additional postage; that as she recalls the postage required is about six cents.

Mr. B. F. Gerson was described by Mr. Ivie, Miss Vaughn and Mr. Mylotte as being between 40 and 45 years of age, height 5'10", and as being distinctly Jewish in appearance. They advised that Gerson has resided at the Dearborn Apartments on and off for the past two years and that very often he sends mail to Montgomery, Alabama; that he often speaks of being from Alabama. They advised that Gerson is a race track tout and during the racing season does not make his home at the Dearborn Apartments but travels throughout the South. They advised that Mrs. Gerson is about 40 years of age, with dark brown hair and about 5'7-8" in height. They stated that so far as the tenancy of the Gersons are concerned at the Dearborn Apartments they are desirable tenants in that there is never any disturbance in the apartment and they pay their rent promptly.

Mr. Mylotte determined from the night telephone operator that he recalled a telephone call coming right after Midnight on June 3rd, 1934, for Mrs. Gerson from Montgomery, Alabama. He stated, however, that he did not listen to any of the conversation over the wire.

Mr. Mylotte at the time he viewed the photograph of Dick Galatas stated that he is almost certain that he had observed a man answering the description of Dick Galatas at the Dearborn Apartments approximately two months ago, however, he felt that he could not make a positive identification. He stated he did not know with whom this man visited and has a faint recollection that he rented an apartment for one night but he could not recall under what name he registered. Mr. Mylotte made an examination of his registration cards but the same failed to refresh his memory. Mr. Mylotte promised his full cooperation in this matter and stated that if it is desired he would open the mail coming for Jules Galatas and ascertain the contents thereof. He, of course, was advised that this procedure was illegal and not desired. He then stated that he would hold all mail coming to that address for Jules Galatas and immediately communicate with this office so that before same was placed in the box for the Gersons the mail could be examined by a Division agent. Mr. Mylotte was also furnished identification order containing description and photograph of Dick Galatas.

Mr. Mylotte later, on June 5, 1934, advised this office by telephone that Mrs. Gerson had mailed a special delivery letter to Jules Galatas in care of General Delivery, Birmingham, Alabama. This information was wired to the Birmingham Office in the belief that it would be of assistance in aiding that office in their surveillance of Jules Galatas.

On June 7, 1934, Mr. Mylotte telephonically advised the Chicago Office that Mrs. B. F. Gerson on that date mailed two special

delivery letters addressed to Mr. B. F. Gerson care of General Delivery, Birmingham, Alabama. He further advised that Jules Galatas had received a letter addressed to 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, from the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois. This agent examined the last referred to letter and by holding the same to the light it was ascertained that it was a bill of sale on the letterhead of the Wenzel Motor Company. The address of the Wenzel Motor Company could not be ascertained in this manner. However, the motor number was revealed as PD 186936. The make of the car could not be ascertained but from the motor number it appeared that it was a Plymouth. The St. Louis Office was requested by letter to ascertain through the Secretary of State's office full details concerning the registration of the above described car.

From the local telephone directory it was ascertained that there was a Wenzel Motor Company located at 1143 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois. Agent made inquiries at this address and determined that a Plymouth DeLuxe Coupe, motor #PD-186936, was sold to Jules Galatas, 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, on December 14, 1933; that the car was black with five wire wheels. At the time of the sale Jules Galatas turned in on the car a 1929 six cylinder Hudson Sedan bearing motor #565-518. The color of this car was not known but it was determined that the deal was consummated by Mr. Harry J. Sunderland, salesman of the Wenzel Motor Company. He stated that while he did not recall the color of the Hudson Sedan he remembered that it was dark. Mr. Sunderland stated he recalled this transaction; that Jules Galatas, accompanied by a middle aged woman, purported to be his sister, appeared at the Wenzel Motor Company driving the Hudson Sedan which he later turned in on the new Plymouth DeLuxe Coupe. He stated that at this time the Wenzel Motor Company was unable to make immediate delivery of the Plymouth Coupe and Jules Galatas left his address as 1117 North Dearborn Street, and also the telephone number for that address. Mr. Sunderland advised that when the Plymouth car was ready for delivery he communicated by telephone with the Dearborn Apartments and was advised that Jules Galatas was not known at that address. He stated that later in the day Jules Galatas called him by telephone at which time he, Sunderland, advised Jules Galatas that an effort had been made to reach him by telephone and information was received that he was unknown at the Dearborn Apartments. In answer to this Mr. Sunderland stated Galatas advised him that he was residing at 1117 North Dearborn Street with his sister and was unknown to the management of the Dearborn Apartments; that Galatas requested him to prepare a receipt for a deposit on the car and for him to proceed at once to the Dearborn Apartments. Mr. Sunderland stated he complied with this request and that Jules Galatas met him on the sidewalk in front of the apartment house and paid him \$100.00 deposit on the car and was given a receipt for same; that a few days later Jules Galatas appeared at the Wenzel Motor Company by himself and paid the

remaining balance due on the Plymouth Coupe. Mr. Sunderland stated that at no time was Jules Galatas accompanied by any other person except the woman as previously stated.

Mr. Sunderland was shown the photograph of Dick Galatas and was unable to identify it.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE will maintain contact with Mr. Mylotte at the Dearborn Apartments, 1117 North Dearborn Street with a view of keeping in touch with Jules Galatas, who receives mail there, in order that it can be ascertained if Subject Dick Galatas contacts him in the future.

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June 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

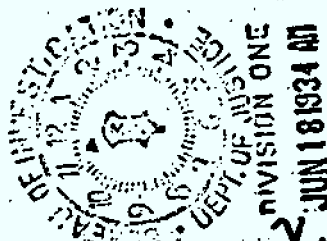
Further reference is made to the seventeen original negatives of latent fingerprints obtained by your office from the house occupied by Vernon C. Miller in connection with your case entitled Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al, Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1201; Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1194; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

In addition to the comparisons of which you have previously been advised the latent prints remaining unidentified in connection with this investigation have also been compared with the fingerprints of George Lindsay, Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, and George Lindsay, Jr., Police Department, St. Louis, Missouri, with negative results.

Comparisons of these unidentified latent impressions with the fingerprints of all other persons named in connection with the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer are going forward.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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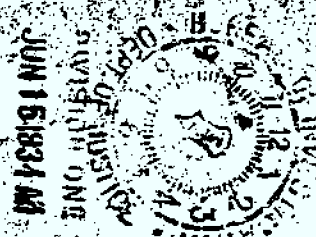
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JUNE 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois.



Dear Sir:

RE: ^DVERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

It is noted from the criminal record of Richard Tallman Galatas, Subject of Identification Order Number 1201, that he was arrested at Toledo, Ohio, Los Angeles, California, Columbus, Ohio, and Flint, Michigan, as shown on the Identification Order. The arrest at Los Angeles, California, appears to have occurred at the instance of the Chicago, Illinois authorities where he was wanted for Bunco Fraud.

It has occurred to this office that each of the offices covering the territories where Galatas has been arrested in the past should make thorough inquiry at the Police Departments and interview the individual officers who arrested Galatas for any information which they may have in their possession that would be helpful in establishing the possible whereabouts of this fugitive. Through those officers all information available relative to his local contacts in those places should be secured.

It is requested that this matter be given immediate attention by the offices interested.

Very truly yours,

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Cincinnati
Los Angeles

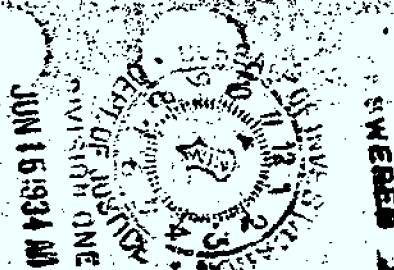
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JUNE 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter from this office addressed to you under date of May 21, 1934, requesting that your office secure from the Chicago Police Department fingerprints of Harry Carlton, Chicago Police Department Number C-16239, and forward same to the Division for comparison with latent fingerprints found at the residence of Vernon C. Miller, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Letter from the Division dated June 4, 1934, addressed to this office, with a copy to the Chicago Office, indicates that the Division is not yet in receipt of the fingerprints of Harry Carlton, and it is requested that action be expedited in this connection.

Very truly yours,

M. G. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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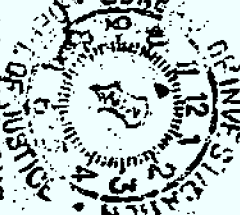
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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
619 First National Bank Building
Omaha, Nebraska.

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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (DECEASED), ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Kindly refer to letter from the St. Louis Office dated June 7, 1934, with reference to an informant, name unknown, who drives a Chevrolet Taxicab and makes his stand on Troost Avenue (no such street in Kansas City as Truce) and 15th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. It is shown that the individual in question is in possession of information as to the whereabouts of Charles Arthur Floyd, Subject of Identification Order 1194.

It is noted that the informant is said to have a brother in the Veterans Bureau Hospital at Knoxville, Iowa, receiving treatment for mental disorders, whose identity could be developed through the owner and manager of the Marion Hotel at Knoxville, Iowa.

It is believed desirable that your office endeavor to secure the surname of the informant at Kansas City through inquiry at Knoxville, Iowa, which is a comparatively small place, prior to the time that inquiries are made at Kansas City, due to the fact that the possibility of locating the individual in question at Kansas City, Missouri would be remote in the absence of more definite information.

Very truly yours

R. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

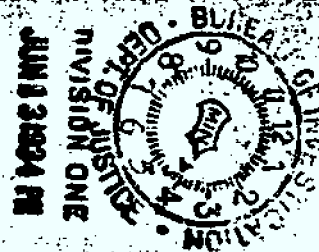
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JUNE 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There is enclosed herewith a memorandum dated June 8, 1934, by Special Agent W. E. Miller, indicating certain data with reference to the probable whereabouts of Charles Arthur Floyd.

It is noted that Floyd is alleged, by the information furnished, to travel between Exeter, Missouri, and Berryville, Arkansas, and that he has certain relatives residing between Exeter and Monett, Missouri.

While the information shown in the memorandum of Agent Miller does not apparently furnish sufficient definite data for an undeveloped lead it is desired to pursue this matter as far as possible. It has occurred to this office, through the receipt of many and varying reports that Floyd has relatives residing in various localities, that it would be well to establish, insofar as possible, the names and addresses of all of Floyd's relatives. It is thought probable that certain inquiries at Salisaw, Oklahoma, where Floyd is known to have some relatives residing, might be productive in this connection. Also, Mrs. Ruby Floyd, the wife of this Subject, is thought to reside permanently at Fort Smith, Arkansas, although she may be temporarily absent from there at this time.

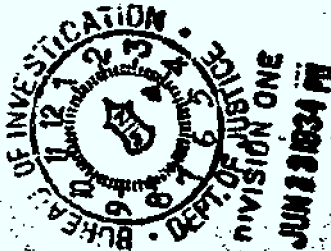
It is suggested that your office perform such interviews, either directly with the known relatives or with other parties who may secure the information indirectly, in order to determine the names and addresses of all additional relatives of this Subject in order that they may be made known to all interested offices.

Very truly yours,

R. B. KATHAN, Acting
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

June 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

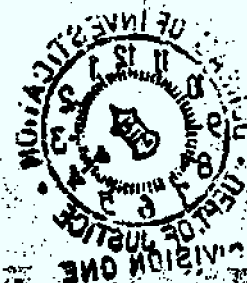
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with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194, et al,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
Chicago File #62-1649.

In compliance with the Division letter of May 8, 1934,
there are herewith submitted certain memoranda, copies of which have
not previously been furnished to your office. However, some of the
information contained in some of the memoranda has, in part, been fur-
nished to you.

Memorandum by Special Agent R. D. Brown dated July 29, 1933.
Memorandum by Special Agent E. Sandberg dated August 2, 1933.
Letter to Director by Special Agent in Charge E. H. Purvis,
dated August 11, 1933.
Memorandum of Special Agent in Charge Purvis dated August 15, 1933.
Memorandum of Special Agent V. E. Peterson dated August 24, 1933.
Memorandum of Special Agent J. L. Indale dated September 11, 1933.
Memorandum by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith dated
September 12, 1933.
Memorandum by Special Agent in Charge E. H. Purvis dated
September 26, 1933.
Memorandum by Special Agent D. O. Smith dated September 27, 1933.
Memorandum by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. O. Smith dated
enclosure, dated September 29, 1933.
Memorandum by Special Agent J. J. Keating dated October 1, 1933.
Memorandum by Special Agent T. C. Ryan dated October 1, 1933.
Memorandum by Special Agent J. J. Keating dated October 1, 1933.

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Memorandum by Special Agent T. A. Smith dated October 9, 1933.
Memorandum by Special Agent A. E. Lockman dated October 31, 1933.
Memorandum by Special Agent (A) R. A. Knittle dated November 3, 1933.
Memorandum by Acting Special Agent in Charge D. C. Smith dated
November 4, 1933.
Memorandum by Mr. D. W. Kempster dated November 10, 1933.

Very truly yours,

RC-KVT
CC: Division

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encls.

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
629 First National Bank Building
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 8, 1934, regarding certain firearms and other paraphernalia received from Sheriff Homer Sylvester of Plattsmouth, Nebraska, for the purpose of ballistic analysis by this Division.

There is being forwarded to you by express, today, a box containing these articles, listed as follows:

One .45 caliber army model, automatic pistol, stamped U. S. Property, serial #55264.

One .45 caliber automatic pistol, army model, commercial type, serial #C-152064.

One .38 caliber Smith and Wesson Special revolver, serial #2259.

One wooden stock for Thompson sub-machine gun, bearing under the butt plate serial #1430.

Two bullet proof vests, complete.

One bullet proof waist band.

1933 automobile license tags: North Dakota #33929
Minnesota #D401-925
Minnesota #B441-854

The articles in question were recovered by Sheriff Sylvester during October, 1933, in a wrecked automobile in his county and the individuals who had same in their possession apparently escaped without being identified.

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An effort was made to trace machine gun #1430, the stock of which was recovered, but it was found, after thorough investigation, that the company which ultimately sold it in Los Angeles, California, has been out of business for several years and the members thereof are not to be located. Furthermore, the records of the company cannot be found.

You will note that one of the automatic pistols which is being returned is United States property. There is no record in this office to show that this gun is stolen. However, it is suggested that you inform Sheriff Sylvester as to the statute governing possession of pistols of this nature. This is the procedure ordinarily pursued when turning over such Government pistols, since it may later develop that a report of theft will be received.

The ballisticians at Kansas City who made the examination of these pistols failed to find that they were connected with any recent offense, particular attention having been directed to the ballistic exhibits held by the ballisticians as evidence bullets in the Kansas City massacre case.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

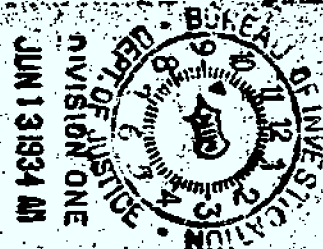
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 9, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
422 Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases,
I. O. #1201 - Fugitive; Charles Arthur
"Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I. O.
#1194 - Fugitive; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

On June 7, 1934 Mr. O. P. Ray, Chief of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification of Oklahoma, appeared at this office and stated that Governor Murray of Oklahoma is in receipt of a letter dated May 22, 1934 from Mr. P. J. Daugherty, 2114 or 2108 Stout Street, Denver, Colorado, Telephone, Keystone 9626, in which he stated that he has a party under observation in Denver who he thinks might be Floyd; that this individual is dressed as a woman and is accompanied by some male companion, and that he desired to know how much reward is outstanding for the apprehension of Floyd. Governor Murray turned the letter over to Mr. Ray, who answered the same and in which he stated that the state of Oklahoma would pay a reward of \$1000.00 for the capture of Floyd dead or alive. Ray also forwarded to this individual photographs of Floyd. Ray received a reply to this letter from Daugherty, dated May 31st, in which he stated he believed the person he has under observation is Floyd as there is a strong resemblance of this person to the photograph of Floyd. Daugherty requested Ray to send a man to Denver immediately. Ray stated he was unable to do so and wrote the Chief of Police at Denver to make an investigation of Daugherty and his information.

Ray had in his possession a letter from Daugherty dated June 4, 1934 addressed to Governor Murray in which the writer stated he had received a letter from Ray and that he desired more expeditious action. Ray told me that the State Bureau is financially unable to send a man to Denver and he desired that this office handle the investigation of this matter.

Immediately upon receipt of this information from Ray I contacted Mr. Newman of the Denver office informing him of the foregoing. Mr. Newman requested that photographs of Floyd be furnished him and same are attached to this letter going to Denver.

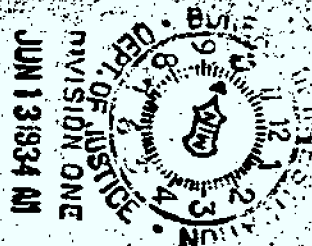
Very truly yours,

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Kansas City
Chicago

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge

Los Angeles, California
June 8, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve Bank
Kansas City, Mo.



Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
(Deceased), RICHARD TALLMAN
GALATAS with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O.#1201, CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" LOYD, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O.#1194, ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL
PRISONER.
L. A. File 62-964

Reference is made to Division letter of May 18, 1934, requesting that the file maintained at this office relating to the above entitled case be reviewed, and your office furnished with copies of all reports, letters and other communications which have not heretofore been sent to you.

I am enclosing herewith copies of communications which apparently have not been forwarded to your office heretofore.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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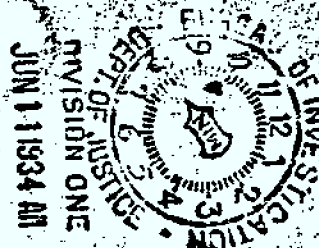
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 8, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There are being transmitted under separate cover, by registered mail, to your office eleven ballistic exhibits from the Mason City, Iowa, bank robbery, which you furnished to this office recently. These are being furnished to the St. Paul office at this time and it is anticipated that it may be your desire to forward them to the Division for examination in the laboratory. However, since they have been in possession of this office for some time they are being returned to the St. Paul office in order that you may make appropriate arrangements with the state authorities, from whom they were received, to retain them for a longer period to permit further examination.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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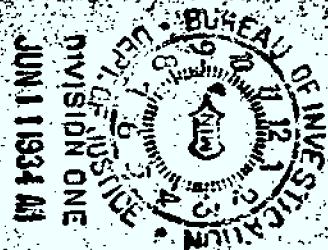
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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, WITH ALIASES, (DECEASED);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, WITH ALIASES,
I O #1810 - FUGITIVE;
CHARLES ARTHUR ("PRETTY BOY") FLOYD,
WITH ALIASES, I O #1194 - FUGITIVE;
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Reference is made to your letter of June 2, 1934, containing information indicating the presence of Subject Floyd at the Cooper Arms Apartment, Kansas City, Missouri.

An extensive investigation has failed to divulge any information relative to any apartment house by the name of the Cooper Arms Apartment. All available records, both in Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, were checked. No such apartment is listed in either city or telephone directories, and inquiry through "Information" of the telephone company produced negative results. Employees in the Assessor's offices; Collection Division of the two Water Departments and the License Collectors of both City Halls denied ever having heard of an apartment house under such a name. The Post Office authorities of both cities were consulted in this connection. I note in your letter that the number of the apartment given is "527." This would necessitate the existence of a good sized apartment house, which would certainly be known at some of the sources to which we went for information.

The question of further contact with the informant in your district is left to your discretion.

Very truly yours,

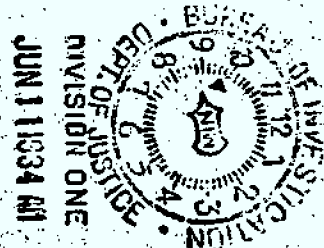
R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent

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Post Office Drawer 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
June 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
326 1/2 Post Office Bldg.,
New Orleans, Louisiana.



In Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Doc.)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE - I. O. 1201; HARVEY J. RILEY,
with aliases, FUGITIVE - I. O. 1189;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE - I. O. 1194, et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter emanating from your Office under date of June 4, 1934 in the above entitled case, and in compliance with the request set forth therein, there is transmitted herewith the following:

One photograph of Jack Dempsey Floyd, which appeared in the May 6, 1934 issue of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat newspaper. This picture is a very good likeness of the son of Charles Arthur Floyd

One copy of the report of the undersigned in the above captioned case, dated 5-13-34, St. Louis, Missouri, setting forth information relative to the presence of Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd and her son, Jack Dempsey Floyd in St. Louis, Missouri.

Two copies of a letter emanating from this Office on June 5, 1934 in the above captioned case, supplying further information concerning the present whereabouts of Mrs. Charles Arthur Floyd.

The Division Offices to whom copies of this letter are being directed have already received copies of the above referred to letter and report.

Very truly yours,

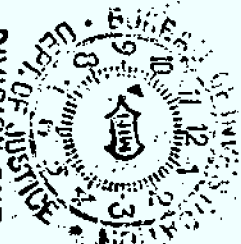
F. F. Yearaley, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division
cc Oklahoma City
cc Kansas City
cc Chicago

Post Office Drawer 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri,
June 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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In Re: VERNON G. MILLER, with aliases, (Dec.)
RICHARD TAILMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE - I. O. 1201; HARVEY J. BAILEY,
with aliases, FUGITIVE - I. O. 1189;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE - I. O. 1194, et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

On June 5, 1934 Mr. F. S. Dodge, Manager of the Policy Holders Service Bureau, 1117 Title Guaranty Building, St. Louis, Missouri, supplied this Office with information to the effect that an unknown individual who operated a Chevrolet taxicab and maintained his taxi stand at Fifteenth and Truce Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, had advised Mr. Dodge that he is acquainted with individuals in Kansas City, Missouri who have been taking care of Subject Charles Arthur Floyd, pointing out that the latter had been injured and had been in hiding in Kansas City, Missouri and received treatment at that point. Mr. Dodge probably knows the identity of this individual but refused to divulge same, and stated that in the event any difficulty was occasioned in locating the individual that he had a brother in the Veterans' Bureau Hospital at Knoxville, Iowa, who was receiving treatment for mental disorders, whose identity could be developed through the owner and manager of the Marion Hotel at Knoxville, Iowa.

Little is known by this Office concerning Mr. F. S. Dodge; however, he appears to be a rational man of sound mind, and does not impress one as being a braggart or exaggerator. He insists that in the event any investigation was conducted that his name not be mentioned, adding that he felt that the information was reliable and easily obtainable through detailed investigation.

It is requested that inquiries be made in the vicinity of Fifteenth and Truce Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, in an effort to locate the unknown individual who operates a Chevrolet taxicab with parking stand at that point, and in the event he be located, he should be questioned in detail concerning the allegations set forth above.

FFY:A
cc Division ✓
cc Oklahoma City
cc Omaha

Very truly yours,

F. F. Yearsley, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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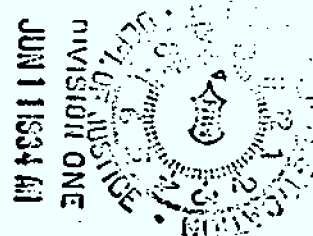
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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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June 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
506 Fletcher Savings and Trust Bldg.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.



Re: J. Don Whitney
MISCELLANEOUS (INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF MACHINE GUNS)

Dear Sir:

Due to the re-allocation of territory in the Cincinnati Division Office, there is attached hereto the Cincinnati file in the above entitled matter, inasmuch as further investigation is necessary in this case, and same should be conducted in the territory allocated to the Indianapolis Division Office.

The Kansas City Office is the Office of Origin in this case, and the Indianapolis Office should complete the outstanding leads in its district.

Very truly yours,

N. B. Klein

N. B. KLEIN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Philadelphia
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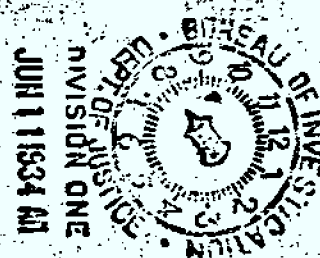
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P. O. Box #766,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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June 9th, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.



Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (deceased);
Richard Tallman Calatas, with aliases, I.O. 1201 -
FUGITIVE; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,
with aliases, I.O. 1194 - FUGITIVE; Adam Raccetti,
with aliases, ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

With reference to the carbon copy of letter emanating
from the Kansas City Office to the Oklahoma City Office under date of
May 14, 1934, requesting a mail cover on all mail addressed to

Mrs. Henry Sustek,
R.F.D. Box 134,
Dillonvale, Ohio,

there is transmitted herewith copy of a letter received from the Post-
master at Dillonvale, Ohio, addressed to the Inspector in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio, in respect to this mail cover, together with the trac-
ings as reflected in the Postmaster's letter enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

H. B. KLEIN,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

June 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
Deceased; RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS,
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1801;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
I.O. 1194 - FUGITIVE; et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Information was received from the Birmingham office that Jules Galatas is under surveillance by the Agents of the Birmingham office and is a cousin to Richard Galatas, a subject in the above entitled case, and that he made a telephone call from Montgomery, Alabama on June 3, 1934 to Chicago, Illinois, telephone number 4318. It has been determined that the above telephone call was made to B. F. Gerson, a race track follower who resides at 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Through the manager of the apartment house located at this address, it was learned that Jules Galatas receives mail at 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois and that the mail is placed in the box of B. F. Gerson. The final disposition of the mail is not known to the manager of the apartment house.

On June 5, 1934 Mr. Mylott, Manager of the apartment house above referred to, advised this office that a letter was mailed by Mrs. Gerson to Jules Galatas, care of General Delivery, Birmingham, Alabama.

On June 7, 1934, Mr. Mylott advised the Chicago office that Mrs. B. F. Gerson mailed two special delivery letters to Mr. B. F. Gerson, care of General Delivery, Birmingham, Alabama. He further advised that Jules Galatas had received a letter at 1117 North Dearborn Street from the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.

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Special Agent R. C. Suran examined the letter from the Secretary of State and it was ascertained by holding the said letter to the light that it contained a Bill of Sale from the Wenzel Motor Company. The address could not be ascertained, but it is believed that this motor company is in Chicago, Illinois. A motor number was transparent through the envelop and appeared to be PD186936. The make of the car could not be ascertained but it no doubt is a Plymouth.

It is requested that your office ascertain, through the Secretary of State's office, Springfield, Illinois, full details concerning the registration of the above described car.

Very truly yours,

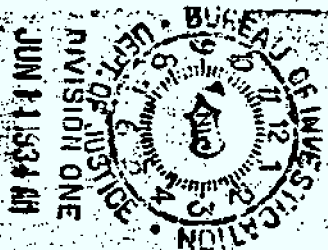
M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division ✓
Kansas City
Birmingham

1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
June 6, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There are being returned under separate cover, by registered mail, today, eight ballistic exhibits found after the robbery of the bank at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, recently which were furnished by your office to this office in order that they might be compared with the evidence exhibits in this case by Merle A. Gill, ballisticsian here. These are being returned to the St. Paul office in order that appropriate arrangements may be made with the State authorities to retain them longer, since it is understood, pursuant to recent instructions from the Division, that they should now be forwarded to the Division for examination in the laboratory.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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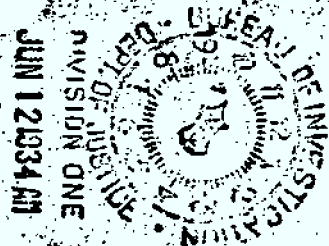
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 7, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
326 1/2 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.



Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas with aliases,
I. O. #1201 - FUGITIVE; Charles Arthur
"Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I. O.
#1194 - FUGITIVE; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Reference is made to your letter of June 4, 1934 in which it is requested that photographs of the wife of Floyd be furnished you.

I am transmitting herewith a photograph of Mrs. Floyd, together with two photographs of Charles Floyd.

Please be advised that this office is not in possession of any information corroborative of the data set forth in your letter.

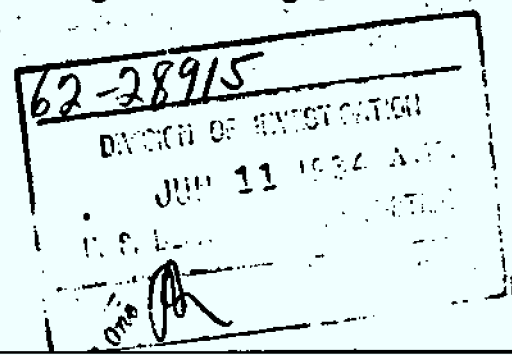
Since the dictation of the foregoing I have received a bit of information to the effect that Floyd was seen driving a 1933 Plymouth Coupe in March, 1934 with an Oklahoma license, the number of which is not known.

Very truly yours,

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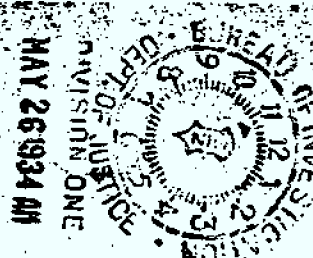
Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Kansas City
Chicago
Division ✓



625 Lafayette Building
Detroit, Michigan
May 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Suite 1, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri



Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

In compliance with request from the Division
dated May 8, 1934, Special Agent J. M. Edgar has reviewed
the five volumes of the file relative to the above matter,
and copies of correspondence, memoranda and reports which
it is indicated you do not have are herewith submitted
to you.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

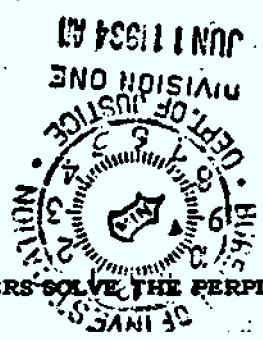
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SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1331 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.
EL PASO, TEXAS.

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INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH PRESS THAT PERSON ARRESTED LAS CRUCES NEW MEXICO
IN PLYMOUTH COUPE CALIFORNIA LICENSE 8 K 295 OR 8K5295 being HELD CONNECTION
WITH ABOVE CASE STOP IDENTITIES OF INDIVIDUAL NOT KNOWN HERE CHECK AND ADVISE

cc - Div. - EC



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ACTING DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

June 13, 1934
JUL 16 1934 AM

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 1156,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN DALATAS, with aliases,
I. O. 1201; CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, I. O. 1194.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.
St. Paul file No. 62-888.

There is being transmitted to you under separate cover a package containing empty shells and two slugs used by the bandits in the hold-up of a bank at Mason City, Iowa, on March 13, 1934. These specimens were obtained from E. J. Patton, Chief of Police, Mason City, Iowa, following telegraphic request of the Kansas City office which requested transmittal of same to their office for ballistic examination in connection with the above entitled case. Accordingly, these specimens were forwarded by the St. Paul Division office to the Kansas City Division office on March 15, 1934. These specimens were recently returned to this office by the Kansas City office, accompanied by a letter with the suggestion that possibly same should be forwarded to the Division for examination in the laboratory.

Inasmuch as these specimens have been in the possession of the Kansas City and the St. Paul offices for some period of time, it is thought that your office may desire to make appropriate arrangements with the State authorities from whom they were received to retain them for a longer period to permit further examination.

In addition to the above referred to specimens, there are being included in the package two empty .45 caliber shells, one .38 caliber shell not fired, one .381 caliber shell fired, and bullet fragments, some of which were taken from one McGown who was wounded in the hold-up. These specimens were forwarded to the St. Paul Division

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office by Chief of Police Patton, Mason City, Iowa, on March 17, 1934,
and it is requested that you return the same to him or make appropriate
arrangements for forwarding same to the Division for examination in the
laboratory.

Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc Division
Cc Kansas City

(Package sent by
Registered Mail)

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

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DIVISION ONE
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June 14, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
320 Federal Building,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALMAY GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1201.
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. 1184, et al.
Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner.

Upon receipt of a telegram from your office under date of June 11, 1934, advising that Jules Galatas had departed from Birmingham, Alabama enroute to Chicago, it was determined that the Greyhound Bus leaving Birmingham, Alabama at 10:00 A.M. would arrive at Hammond, Indiana on June 12th at 9:05 A.M. standard time.

Accordingly, on June 12th Special Agent Lockerman boarded the bus at Hammond, Indiana. Special Agent Chaffetz followed the same in a car. Agent Lockerman closely observed all occupants on the bus and determined that the only one who closely resembled the description of Jules Galatas, as furnished by your office, was one T. G. Howard, who later on June 12th registered at the Y.M.C.A. Hotel at Chicago, Illinois as being from 909 Caldwell Street, Piqua, Ohio. Howard was dressed in a gray suit, with a stiff straw hat with a black band, carrying a brown pigskin Gladstone bag, and his nose was very prominent. However, he did not appear to be over 40 years of age and was wearing all-white shoes. It was further observed that Howard had brown hair, which was rather thin on top.

A surveillance was maintained of Howard until midnight on June 12, 1934, and no suspicious actions were observed on his part.

The Cincinnati Office was requested to conduct an investigation at Piqua, Ohio, to determine if in fact T. G. Howard was a respectable place. The Cincinnati Office telephonically advised on the night of June 12th that T. G. Howard was a respectable citizen at Piqua, Ohio, and had left Blanchester, Ohio, on the night of June 11, 1934, for Chicago.

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In view of this information the surveillance of Mr. Howard was discontinued.

Close contact has been maintained with the management of the apartment house at 1117 North Dearborn Street, who are cooperating 100% with the Division in this matter. Mr. Gerson, who is presently out of the city, thought to be in Birmingham, Alabama, did not put in an appearance at the apartment, neither did Mrs. Gerson have any other visitors, as it appears likely that Gerson and Jules Galatas are identical. This office will be immediately advised when Mr. Gerson returns to 1117 North Dearborn Street or Mrs. Gerson has any other visitors answering the description of Jules Galatas.

Information has been obtained from the management at 1117 North Dearborn Street that the Western Union Telegraph Office had advised Mrs. Gerson that they were unable to deliver a telegram addressed to Jules Galatas at Birmingham, Alabama on June 12, 1934, inasmuch as Galatas had departed for Chicago.

It is suggested that if possible your office conduct an appropriate investigation at the Greyhound Bus Station at Birmingham, Alabama to determine where Galatas may have left the bus enroute to Chicago. It is believed possible that if Galatas did in fact leave the bus, the Greyhound Bus Company at Birmingham, Alabama would possess information concerning the changed itinerary or, perhaps, the unused portion of the ticket from Birmingham to Chicago, Illinois.

The Division has been telephonically advised of the developments in this case.

Very truly yours,

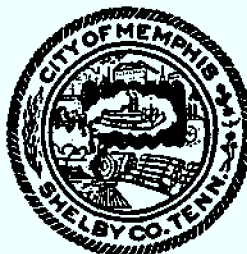
VAL C. ZIMMER,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT
DETECTIVE DIVISION
WM. T. GRIFFIN
CHIEF INSPECTOR



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Mr. Quinn _____
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Chief Clerk _____
Mr. Tamm _____

June 7th, 1934.

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

You may already have this information, if so all well and good, and if not it is given to you for whatever it is worth, but you may rest assured it comes from an absolutely authentic source.

Richard Talman Galatas, with many aliases, your identification order 1201, of August 1, 1933, is a close personal friend of Tom Kerney, who operates a cigar store and handbook just across the street from the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.

Galatas and Kerney have been friends for years, and Kerney has been known to on several occasions supplied Galatas with money, and it is thought he is still doing so, and that by closely observing Kerney it will sooner or later lead to the apprehension of Galatas.

Galatas has a woman named Betty who travels with him, and she has a son, by another man, who for a time went to school in Alabama; informant thinks the school was in Montgomery, but as to that they are not sure.

This woman Betty's mother's name is - McFadden and she lives in some small town in the State of New York. Galatas mother resides in the City of Los Angeles, Calif., and is a widow.

Informant states positively that Galatas is coming into St. Louis at intervals and contacting Kerney.

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Yours truly,

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Mr. William T. Griffin,
Chief Inspector,
Police Department,
Memphis, Tennessee.

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Dear Inspector:

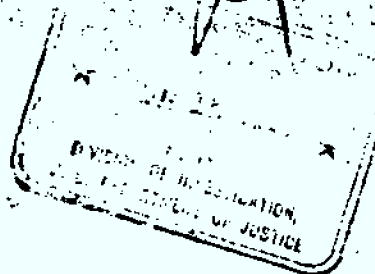
Please accept my thanks for the information set forth in your letter dated June 7, 1934 relative to the friendship between Richard Tallman Galatas, with many aliases, subject of Identification Order #1201 and Tom Kearney of St. Louis, Missouri. This Division has received information indicating that it was through Kearney that Galatas arranged for the release of Louise Conner, after she was arrested in your city on November 13, 1933, as a result of information which you furnished this Division. The relatives of Galatas referred to in your letter, are receiving the attention of this Division.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. W. A. Rorer, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 508 Medical Arts Building, Nashville, Tennessee, who will arrange to have an Agent interview you regarding this matter in the very near future.

Assuring you of my deep appreciation for the cooperation which you have rendered this Division, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Rorer
Director.

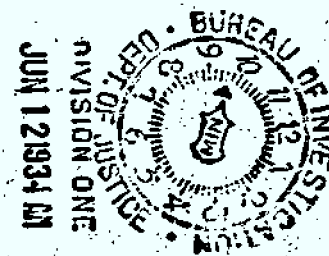


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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
June 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
422 Midland Savings Building,
Denver, Colorado.



RE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.
S.L. File 62-474.

Dear Sir:

An examination of my files indicates that Section 5 of Salt Lake City File 62-474 in the above entitled matter, has been forwarded to you. I am presently in possession of Sections 1 to 4 inclusive, and I would be pleased if you would examine Section 5 which is in your possession, and if it appears that the Section was forwarded to you because it contained some lead presently outstanding in your territory, I would be glad if you would give consideration to extracting from that section the serials forming the basis for your investigation and return Section 5 to me so that my files will be complete in this case.

I am of the opinion that the file should not be divided; that is to say that part of it should not be in the possession of your office, but on the contrary, that the complete file should be in the possession of either your office or my office. Of course, I feel that the entire file should be in the possession of my office, for the reason that if I surrender it to you there will be nothing in this office showing the allegations and the history of the investigation.

I believe that every Division field office should have the history of this case, and if you concur with me in that view, I suggest that you take the matter up with Washington to see that sufficient serials are forwarded to you so that you can construct a file.

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Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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with aliases, Fugitive, Identification
Order #1201,
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,
with aliases, Fugitive, Identification
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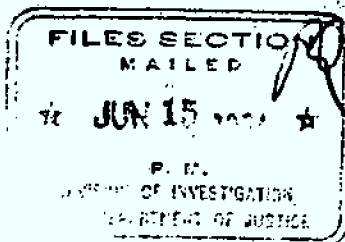
Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of a letter dated June 6, 1934, addressed to the Denver Office by the Salt Lake City Office, wherein it is suggested that each field office of the Division be furnished with a history of the above entitled case. In accordance with this suggestion, you are instructed to have additional copies made of the summary report prepared by Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, October 12, 1933, together with copies of a supplementary report showing the status of each subject and suspect involved in the above entitled case, to be furnished to each of the following offices: Boston, Buffalo, Denver, El Paso, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Nashville, Omaha.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Salt Lake City
Denver



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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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M H FURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS' BUILDING
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HANNO JULES GALATAS DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM TEN AM TODAY VIA GREYHOUND BUS
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

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June 16, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with
aliases (Deceased), et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

This will refer to a letter addressed to this office by the Kansas City Office, under date of May 28th, requesting that the photograph and fingerprints of Sammy Schrager alias Samuel Martin, New York Police Department number 51868, be obtained.

In response to the request contained therein I am transmitting herewith photographic copies of the fingerprints of Schrager to the Division with the request that these fingerprints be compared with the latent impressions found at the residence where Vernon C. Miller lived in Kansas City, Mo., on the date of the massacre, June 17, 1933. I am also forwarding to the Kansas City office a photograph of Sammy Schrager obtained through the New York Police Department.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

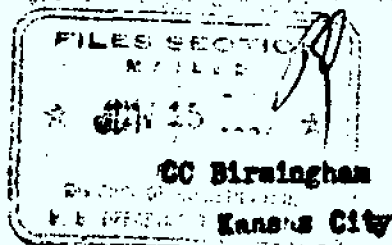
RE: VERNON G. MILLER, with aliases,
(Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN
O GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
Identification Order 1201; O
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, Identification
Order 1194; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER.

In connection with the long distance telephone conversation between Special Agent Val Zimmer of your office and Mr. Newby at the Division concerning the failure to locate the individual referred to in the telegram of the Birmingham Office dated June 11, 1934 directed to your office as Jules Galatas, whose description was set out therein, your attention is directed to the letter of the Birmingham Office dated August 3, 1933 addressed to the Kansas City Office reflecting the results of an interview had with Mrs. Henry H. Jones, 100 Forest Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, former wife of Jules Galatas, Jr.

It is noted from this letter that Jules Galatas is identical with B. H. Gerson and it is quite possible that in view of his recent trip to Birmingham, Alabama, an attempt might be made to get in touch with Subject Galatas. Therefore, you are instructed to cover the activities of Jules Galatas very closely.

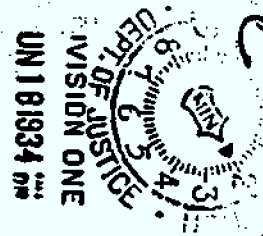
Very truly yours,

Director.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 14, 1934



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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, (deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, I.O.
#1201 - FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY
BOY" FLOYD with aliases, I.O. #1194 - FUGITIVE;
et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter of May 7, 1934 with which was transmitted a copy of a letter received from [redacted] in which [redacted] stated he had information that might be of value to this Division.

Please be advised that on June 10, 1934, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent O. G. Hall at Tulsa, Oklahoma. [redacted] stated that at the time he wrote the letter to the Division, he thought he had some information as to the location of Clyde Barrow, deceased. Questioned briefly about this, it was apparent that the only information he had was that Barrow was some place in Texas.

He then advised that he thought he might be able to locate Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. He stated that some years ago he had met Floyd in Tulsa on the street. He stated that if the Division would furnish him an armored car and an Agent as a driver he might be able to secure some information of value in Haskell County, Oklahoma where he believes Floyd would go, because [redacted] thinks the local authorities would not make any effort to take Floyd. He was informed that the Division is desirous of apprehending Floyd and was asked if he had any definite information as to the present location of Floyd, his friends, contacts and hideouts, and he stated that he had not but thought that if he rode around the country for a month or so he might be able to learn something of value.

From conversation by Agent Hall with [redacted] it was apparent that his motive was to be placed on the Division's payroll as an informant with little or no prospects of results. Agent Hall informed him that should he secure information that would result in the apprehension of Floyd, he, [redacted] would be properly compensated but that he had no prospects of being placed on the Division's payroll without any more assurance of results than he had indicated.

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b7D [REDACTED] was furnished the address of the Oklahoma City office and told to contact that office should he secure any information. This he promised to do.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

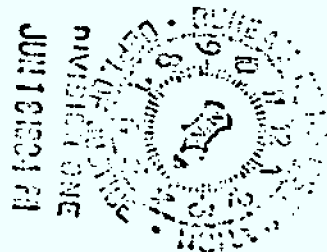
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 15, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, I.O.#1201 -
FUGITIVE; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with
aliases, I.O.#1194 - FUGITIVE; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir :

Reference is made to previous correspondence relative to the negotiations which were entered into with A. W. Comstock, an attorney of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, with respect to the possible surrender of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Pursuant to your instructions, on June 2, 1934, with Special Agent F. S. Smith of this office, I interviewed Comstock at Pawhuska in an effort to obtain some expression of opinion from him as to what he had done, was doing, and proposed to do in this matter.

Comstock is a man seventy-six years of age. He impresses me as being silly, inane, and bordering on senility. Others perhaps entertain contrary opinions and will possibly attribute what I consider his inanities to his foxiness and cunning. I asked him if he had been in contact with Floyd recently, and in the past how many times he had ever seen him, and if he knows where he is located at present. He replied that he had only ever seen Floyd once and that was not within recent months, and that he has no definite idea as to where he is located now. As is indicated in a previous letter in respect to this matter, it was intimated by Comstock that if the negotiations to surrender Floyd were unsuccessful, that he would furnish the Division with information as to his location. On the occasion of my interview with him, I reminded him of that promise and requested that he be given until Wednesday, June 6, and such a moratorium was extended him. He failed to communicate or contact with us in any way on June 6 and he was called by telephone and had no information to offer, but said that he would let us hear from him shortly. We continued to press him but he had no information to offer in this matter, so he said. We called him again on Monday, June 11, and he stated that he would forward us a letter. I am now in receipt of a letter from him dated June 13, in which he rambles at length.

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I quote the letter herein, and it is illustrative of Comstock's manner of expression. The letter is as follows :

"The reward is not large and in view of the News paper reports of the reward offered for Dillinger and the desire of this party to insure the protection and support of his son, the thousand dollar reward is no inducement as the Government is taking an active interest in such cases and as all parties take all the daily newspapers, they believe that some more active steps will soon be taken towards the capture or surrender of persons wanted by the Government.

"Mrs. Floyd and son are appearing in the picture shows and selling a chart of which your office is familiar. I do not believe this will raise any considerable amount of money. I will keep you posted in anything that I can do and will try and meet you in Oklahoma City soon."

It will be observed from this letter that it makes no complete sense, and there is nothing definite in it. Any expression of Comstock with respect to practically any subject with the possible exception of the time of day or the fact that the sun is shining is similar in every respect to said letter.

Comstock has a son-in-law by the name of Beech, who has been mentioned in previous correspondence from the St. Louis office in this case, who is an ex-convict, is no good, worthless, unscrupulous, and is and has been hanging around with Floyd's so-called wife, Ruby. I am, of course, not certain, but I think I am correct in saying that any contact that old man Comstock has had is through Beech who filches what he considers information out of Ruby, Floyd, and, in my judgment, she has practically none as to the whereabouts of her so-called husband.

I do not believe that any statement that old Comstock will make is worthy of belief, and it is my best judgment that it is a waste of time, effort, and money to deal with him further in this matter.

It doubtless did appear at the inception of the negotiations with Comstock that he might be in possession of information which might be of value, but subsequent developments and circumstances have convinced me otherwise.


It is true that in the past Comstock has affiliated, consorted, and probably counselled with various outlaws in the State of Oklahoma. I

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believe that his age, however, has brought him to the point that any criminal with an ounce of sense would have nothing to do with him.

Unless instructed to the contrary by the Division, I do not propose to negotiate further with Comstock in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Earle M. Black, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City

1016 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri,
June 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(Decensed) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER PRISONERS

With reference to the memorandum of November 3, 1933, by Special Agent R. A. Knittle reflecting an examination of the records of Joseph Bargl, automobile dealer, and well known underworld character, it is noted on page 3 that Helen Ferguson is shown as the purchaser of Buick Coupe, Motor Number 2845179, as of June 10, 1933. Helen Ferguson's address was shown as 8140 Lincoln Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois. It is suggested that some further investigation be made at Niles Center, Illinois, in an endeavor to ascertain all facts to definitely establish the identity of Helen Ferguson.

Attention is called to the fact that Helen Ferguson was later believed to be at St. Louis, Missouri, after the purchase of the Buick car in question, as reflected in the report by Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 20, 1934, in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping case.

Very truly yours, RECORDED

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G. B. MATHIAS, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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P. C. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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June 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
(Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. C. #1201,
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. C. #1194 et al.,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone call from Special Agent Zimmer at Chicago, Illinois on June 12, 1934 to the Cincinnati office, advising that information had been received at Chicago to the effect that an individual, believed to be subject Galatas left Birmingham, Alabama on the morning of June 11, for Chicago, Ill., and that upon meeting this bus in the vicinity of Chicago, Agents were unable to find any occupant answering the description of Galatas, although there was one man on the bus who appeared to meet the description of Galatas in some respects.

Agent Zimmer advised that this individual had proceeded to the Y.M.C.A. in Chicago, Illinois, where he registered as T. C. Howard, 909 Caldwell Street, Piqua, Ohio.

Special Agent George H. Treadwell has submitted the following memorandum covering inquiries made at Piqua, Ohio on the evening of this day, June 12, 1934:

"Mr. Ted Ringelspaugh, Mail Clerk, Post Office, Piqua, Ohio was interviewed and advised that Mrs. W. S. Ramsey resides at 909 Caldwell St., Piqua, Ohio and that she is a city welfare worker and a widow of about one year; that she has resided at that address for over eight years and is considered a very reputable woman. Mr. Ringelspaugh was unable to find anyone by the name of T. C. Howard residing at that address, either through the carriers address book or the city directory.

No information was obtained from the latter book that would indicate that Howard resided at Piqua, Ohio.

Mrs. W. S. Ramsey, residing at 909 Caldwell St., Piqua, Ohio was interviewed by Agents and advised that her maiden name was Howard, that she has a brother by the name of Thomas Glenn Howard, age 38, married and living with his wife, formerly Helen Sponsler of Pleasant Hill, Ohio; that they have one child, a daughter eight years of age, named June. The wife and daughter are now at Pleasant Hill, Ohio. Thomas Glenn Howard has been living for the past several years at Blanchester, Ohio and on the evening of June 11, Thomas Glenn Howard left Blanchester, Ohio via bus for Chicago, Illinois, where he expected to make arrangements for a position at Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mr. T. A. Howard, father of Thomas Glenn Howard was present during Agents interview and verified the information given by his daughter, Mrs. Ramsey. Mrs. Ramsey also produced a photograph of her brother, Thomas Glenn Howard, who appeared to be rather youthful looking and does not have any of the characteristics of Galatas, who is near-sighted, squints, and wears double strength lens glasses."

The above information was telephoned to Agent Peterson at Chicago on the night of June 12, 1934.

Very truly yours,

H. D. HARRIS, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division
Kansas City

1900 Bankers' Building,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Chicago, Illinois,
June 16, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1016 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, deceased;
RICHARD TALLMAN CALATAS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O.
1194; et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A
FEDERAL PRISONER - CHICAGO FILE No. 62-1649
and
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1219
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE No. 7-92

References made to my letter of even date in the above entitled matters with regard to Cadillac Sedan Motor No. 1001172, You are advised that this matter is taken up in the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, Chicago, Illinois, 9/23/33. It is observed that the last party known to have been in possession of this car was The Southern Motor Sales Company, Chicago, Illinois.

Immediate inquiries will be made through the Southern Motor Sales Company to ascertain the identity of the party who is now in possession of said car.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley,
Special Agent

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

June 16, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, deceased;
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATA with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O.
1194; et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A
FEDERAL PRISONER - CHICAGO FILE NO. 16-6249
and
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARTER with aliases, I. O. 1219
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

This will advise you that on May 2, 1934, this office made a raid upon the apartment of Roy Gray alias Slim at 626 Cleveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Roy Gray is the subject of Identification Order No. 1213, under the name of Russell Gibson. He is the party who is alleged by "Boss" McLaughlin to have handled the Bremer ransom money in Chicago. Among the articles found in the apartment of Roy Gray was a large post-card size kodak with several undeveloped pictures in it. These pictures were developed and one was found to be that of a Cadillac automobile bearing 1933 Illinois license plate No. 1-236-804. This license was traced through the State Capitol at Springfield, Illinois, and was found to have been issued to Emma Verain, 509 South Webster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for a Cadillac, motor No. 1001172.

Inquiry was made by this office at 509 South Webster Avenue, which was found to be a large office building and thorough inquiry at that point disclosed that no one knew a party by the name of Emma Verain. This matter was discussed by old tenants and elevator boys who have worked at 509 South Webster for a number of years. Neither were they able to identify the photographs of the two men found in the picture containing the Cadillac sedan. It appears, therefore, that this address is fictitious.

This automobile was then traced by the Detroit office through the Cadillac company and it was found that this car is a 1930 model,

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series 370, 12 cylinder town sedan, black in color with an ivory stripe and is equipped with six wire wheels. It also has metal mirrors on each side of the car and on the braces holding the tires in the fender wells. This car bore the following component part numbers:

Body - #365
Steering gear - #10-1223
Transmission - #10-1040
Chassis - #101241
Generator - #882
Front Axle - #10-1298
Rear Axle - #10-1344
Secret Xp. - #31152
Tool key - #XC 304
Ignition key - #XC 491
Radiator Ornament - #1098123

Quoting a letter from the Detroit office to this office in the Bremer matter, dated June 14, 1934:

"According to the records of the Cadillac Motor Company, this car was shipped on 10/31/30 to Madison Smith Cadillac Company of Little Rock, Arkansas. The records further indicate that it was sold on 4/17/31 to V. C. Miller of 921 Eastwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It is possible that this may be Vernon C. Miller, subject of other Division cases. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Oklahoma City office with the request that the Madison Smith Cadillac Company, Little Rock, Arkansas, be interviewed for any additional information they may have regarding the sale of this car."

On November 3, 1933, Special Agent R. A. Knittle of the Chicago office made an examination of the books of Joseph Bergl, automobile dealer, Cicero, Illinois. He had been informed by Special Agent J. J. Keating that Verne Miller sold to Bergl on July 28, 1932, a Cadillac sedan, 12 cylinder, motor No. 1001172, and that this car was reported to have been sold to the Southern Motor Sales, Chicago, Illinois. The KANE file will be reviewed carefully for a verification of the above statement. However, the memorandum of Special Agent Knittle discloses that an examination of the records of Joseph Bergl failed to disclose the sale of a Cadillac sedan, motor No. 1001172, but that said records did disclose that a 1931 12 cylinder sedan was

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sold to the Southern Motor Sales for \$1,500 on July 29, 1932, bearing motor No. 1000134. Further examination failed to disclose from whom Bergl purchased this car. Mr. Knittle has advised me that it is very possible that the sedan bearing motor No. 1000134 is identical with the sedan bearing motor No. 1001172, and it is his opinion that the records of Bergl may have been changed so that the purchase of a car from Verne Miller would not be reflected by such records.

It is respectfully requested that all offices receiving copies of this letter make an immediate investigation at the Motor Vehicle Registration Departments in the States covered by said offices to ascertain whether this automobile is now registered in any one of the states. You are advised that the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of Illinois has advised this office that this automobile has not been registered in the State of Illinois in 1934.

Very truly yours,

S. F. CONLEY.

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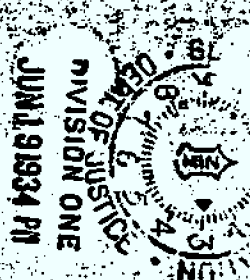
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 14, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite L,
Kansas City, Missouri.



Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN CALATAS, with aliases,
I.O. 1201 - Fugitive; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I.O. 1194 -
Fugitive; et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

Recently Chief of Police McFadden of Ponca City, Oklahoma, contacted this office and stated there is a woman in that town whose husband is in the Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas who might have some information with respect to Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Agent F. S. Smith and I, very shortly after Chief McFadden called the office, passed through Ponca City and contacted the Chief. He stated that the woman is Mrs. John Luppy and that her husband is serving a life sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary for bank robbery. McFadden recited that Mrs. Luppy told him that several weeks ago she visited her husband at the Penitentiary, and he had told her that there is a prisoner in the Penitentiary who knows Floyd, and that if Luppy and this prisoner, whose name her husband did not furnish her, could obtain pardons or paroles, or, in some manner, be released from the Penitentiary, that this acquaintance of Floyd could "put the finger" on him.

I requested Chief McFadden to have this woman come to the Police Station for an interview which she did. She is a woman approaching fifty years of age and fairly intelligent. She, of course, stated that her husband is innocent of the crime for which he is serving a sentence, and she said that a few weeks ago when she was in the Penitentiary at Lansing, her husband told her that there is a prisoner in the institution who is personally acquainted with Floyd, knows his hideouts, etc., and that if pardons or paroles could be obtained for this prisoner, whose name was not given her, and her husband, that arrangements could be made to "put the

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finger" on Floyd and effect his apprehension. She stated that her husband requested that under no circumstances should she divulge this information. She says she knows none of the details, but that she feels that if her husband could do something for himself, he should do it. I convinced her that no harm could be done in having an Agent of this Division interview her husband, and she stated that it would be all right for one to approach him and inform him that the matter had been taken up with her and that she feels that he should divulge all the information that he has.

While I do not consider any information which John Luppy might have of any particular value, I believe that when an Agent is next at the Penitentiary that Luppy should be interviewed in an effort to determine if he has anything that would be of benefit to this Division and the Kansas City Office is accordingly requested to give this matter such attention.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division ✓

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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June 13, 1934.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Cowley.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Tamm.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Special Agent Val Zimmer telephoned from the Chicago office to advise that the individual who was believed to be Jules Galatas and was trailed to the Y.M.C.A., has turned out to be one T. G. Howard, who registered from 909 Caldwell, Sequoia, Ohio.

The individual described by the Birmingham office apparently has not been located but the Chicago office is now covering the apartment of B. P. Gerson, who is believed to be identical with Jules Galatas. Efforts are being made to ascertain the contents of a telegram sent to Jules Galatas at Birmingham, Alabama, from Mrs. B. G. Gerson, Chicago, but not delivered for the reason the addressee had departed for Chicago.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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P. O. Box 1278,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
June 15, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
Deceased, RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 1, 1934 and to the memorandum of Special Agent W. F. Trainor May 1, 1934, relative to information furnished the Kansas City Office by G. E. Williams, of Kansas City, regarding the location of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, I.O. 1194, and requesting that this office make investigation at Sapulpa regarding the reliability of Williams and his back ground.

Special Agent T. M. Birch of this office made investigation at the Sheriff's Office at Sapulpa, Oklahoma which failed to substantiate the statement of Williams that Floyd was incarcerated in the County Jail at Sapulpa sometime during 1924-1928.

Van Nelson former Deputy Sheriff of Creek County and Jailor from 1924 to 1925 was interviewed and stated that he was absolutely certain that Pretty Boy had not been incarcerated in the Jail during that time; further that he had no knowledge of G. E. Williams ever having been an employee of the Jail during that period.

Claud Johnson, a patrolman on the Sapulpa Police Department, was interviewed and stated that he had been Jailor at the Creek County Jail from 1926 to 1927 and that he had no recollection of Pretty Boy Floyd having ever been incarcerated in that Jail, nor had he any recollection of G. E. Williams having ever been employed at the Jail as a cook.

A. B. Holiby, County Jailor at the Creek County Jail, produced the Jail Records which showed that, Adry Floyd, alias Aubry Floyd, alias Shorty Floyd was arrested by A. F. Kline the Chief of Police of Drumright, Oklahoma, charge investigation, on July 11, 1925 and was released on July 17, 1925.

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Adry Floyd's description is as follows:

Age in 1925, 24 years, height 5' 8" tall, weight 145 pounds, medium build, brown eyes, dark brown hair, and born in Texas. Fingerprint classification

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The Ripley Hotel and the Porter House referred to in Agent Trainor's report are not being operated in Sapulpa at the present time and there is no record available; however, many of the old time citizens of Sapulpa, among them J. O. Edwards, now Chief of Police, Willis Strange, Sheriff of Creek County, Andrew McKianey, former Deputy Sheriff and now Sergeant on the Sapulpa Police Department, were interviewed and none of these people had any recollection of O. E. Williams having ever lived in or near Sapulpa.

The above information is being forwarded to the Kansas City Office as it will probably be of value in determining the value of O. E. Williams as an informant.

Very truly yours,

E. M. Black - Acting
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division ✓
Chicago

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI**

FILE NO. **62-1649**

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-16-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-14 & 15-34	REPORT MADE BY: R.C. SURAN FB
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, deceased RICHARD TALLINIAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE I.O.#1201. CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1194, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Irene Dorsey of Wilmington, Illinois identified as being the alleged wife of Fred Goetz. Irene Dorsey gave the Larne Hotel, San Francisco, California as her address on June 9, 1934.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, dated April 3, 1934, and report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated June 15, 1934.

DETAILS:

Sergeant Joseph Healy, Investigation Department, State's Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois, advised Agent that the State's Attorney's office had received an anonymous communication advising that the wife of George Zigler was one Irene Dorsey of Wilmington, Illinois; that her parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsey, who reside on Kankakee Street, and further that her father was in the saloon business in Wilmington, Illinois.

DETAILS:

This Agent interviewed Mrs. Mary I. Quinn, postmistress at Wilmington, Illinois, who advised that Irene Dorsey formerly resided at Wilmington, Illinois, but had not been known to live there for the past 2 years, but that she had heard from time to time that Irene visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsey. Mrs. Quinn further stated that she had heard that Irene was married to a man by the name of Seibert, who had been killed by gangsters in Chicago, Illinois. She stated, however, that this information was not generally known in

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Wilmington, Illinois. She further advised that in addition to Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsey and Irene, other members of the family are - Madeline Dorsey, Winifred Dorsey and Bernadine Dorsey, sisters of Irene, and James Dorsey, Jr., brother to Irene. The four latter named persons all reside with their parents at Wilmington, Illinois. She further stated that Joseph Kelly, a first cousin to Irene Dorsey was employed as an extra worker in the Wilmington post office, but that the Kelly family do not associate to any extent with the Dorsey family. Mrs. Quinn advised that she had not heard of Irene being in Wilmington for some time, and believed that should Irene presently be residing in Wilmington, she would be in possession of this information. She advised that she had never paid much attention to the mail going to the Dorseys, and could not say if Irene was communicating with her parents. Mrs. Quinn stated that J.C. Thompson, the mayor of Wilmington, Illinois, would be a reliable person to interview in connection with this matter.

Mr. Thompson, above mentioned, advised Agent that he knew James Dorsey had a daughter by the name of Irene, but that he possessed little information concerning her, and believed that she was married and living elsewhere than in Wilmington, Illinois. He stated he had no information concerning the identity of her husband, and had never seen him. It was apparent from this interview that Mr. Thompson did not possess information that Irene's husband had been killed. He did furnish information that Irene's mother was an Italian and her father was Irish, and it will be noted this coincides with the information as furnished by Samuel Golan, the attorney for Fred Goetz. It was further learned that James Dorsey in addition to operating a saloon, known as the Dorsey Tavern at Wilmington, also rented rooms at his home. This Agent endeavored to rent a room at the home of James Dorsey, but learned that no rooms would be available for some time, and it was therefore decided to make direct inquiry of Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsey.

Mr. James Dorsey advised that his daughter had been married to a George Seibert; that George Seibert was identical with the party who had been killed, apparently by gangsters, in Chicago, Illinois during March, 1934. Mr. Dorsey stated that 2 or 3 weeks after the death of George Seibert, his daughter Irene came to Wilmington, Illinois accompanied by an individual whom she had met in Rochester, Minnesota; that his daughter was in poor health and was going to travel through the West for her health accompanied by this individual, whose description he claimed he could not recall, and further stated that he did not know his name. In this connection, Mr. Dorsey stated that about 2 years ago his daughter underwent an operation at the Mayo Hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, and just a short time prior to the death of her husband, she again returned to the Mayo Hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, and it was at this time that

she met the individual referred to above. He stated that he had received no communications from his daughter since she had departed from Wilmington on the last occasion, and so far as he knew his wife had heard nothing from Irene.

Mrs. James Dorsey stated that shortly after the death of Irene's husband, Irene returned to Wilmington, Illinois, and was accompanied by one LeRoy Bovin, a young man of medium build. She stated she could recall no additional description of this man. She stated that a short while before the death of George Seibert, Irene returned to Rochester, Minnesota for the purpose of entering the Mayo Hospital, but received advice from the doctors that it was not necessary for her to re-enter the hospital, but it was necessary for her to take a rest. Mrs. Dorsey stated she obtained the information from her daughter that while staying at a hotel in Rochester, Minnesota, she met LeRoy Bovin, whom she had known from her school days at Joliet, Illinois. She stated that LeRoy Bovin resides somewhere in San Francisco, California. She further advised that her daughter had communicated with her on several occasions since her last departure from Wilmington; that she recalls receiving one postal card, post marked at Kansas City, Missouri, and that she received a letter from her somewhere in Colorado; these latter two communications being received within 3 or 4 weeks prior to this interview. Mrs. Dorsey furnished further information that she had also received letters from her daughter in California, which had been typewritten, and in view of the fact that the letters were typewritten, she believed that her daughter had suffered a nervous breakdown, and someone else was writing the letters for her. She also stated that on June 9, 1934, she received a telegram from her daughter, the substance of which was to the effect that she was with friends and getting along all right, and for everyone to have courage. Mrs. Dorsey stated that she was convinced that her daughter was suffering from a nervous breakdown. She further stated that she had destroyed all the communications from her daughter, but that she believed the telegram was sent from San Francisco. She stated that other persons, whose identity she refused to reveal, in Wilmington, Illinois, might have more information concerning the present whereabouts of Irene Dorsey, and that if Agent would call later on that date, she would make an effort to secure additional information.

It was learned that telegrams coming to Wilmington, Illinois after 4:30 P.M. were forwarded through the Western Union office at Joliet, Illinois. Agent therefore conducted investigation at the Western Union office at Joliet, Illinois, and determined that on June 9, 1934, the following telegram dated at San Francisco, California, was sent to James Dorsey, Sr., Wilmington, Illinois. The telegram read as follows:

"No contracts no signing partner to settle read and think. Use your wits, National Cloud is under control and all need Indian orders wait for them.
Answer Yes at once

(Signed) Irene Dorsey, Lorne Hotel"

Of course it is not known whether this telegram is in code and pertaining to some business transactions, or whether Irene Dorsey has in fact suffered from a nervous breakdown, and sent the above referred to telegram during a period of mental derangement.

Later on the date of June 15, 1934, Agent again interviewed Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsey, who advised that they had been unable to secure an address for their daughter Irene. They were questioned concerning any individuals who may have visited them accompanied by Irene Dorsey, and her alleged husband. They stated that on one occasion, a young man who was supposed to be a sporting goods salesman, came to their home accompanied by George Seibert and Irene; that this man was about 5'8" in height with blond hair and medium build. They did not recall the name of this individual, and were not sure that they had ever heard it. They furnished further information that at other times other persons visited Wilmington, Illinois with George Seibert and Irene, but never entered the Dorsey home. They were unable to identify any of the Barker, Karpis gang, or the photograph of Vernon Miller or C.J. Fitzgerald. They described Irene Dorsey as follows:

Name: Irene Dorsey
Age: 28
Height: 5'5"
Weight: 120 lb.
Hair: Black
Complexion: Dark
Nationality: Irish Italian descent

Agent, of course, did not reveal to the Dorseys the information that was obtained from the Western Union telegraph office.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dorsey stated that there was no one in their family by the name of Elsie Heller, and to their knowledge they had no relative in Miami, Florida, and neither was able to furnish any information as to the true identity of Elsie Heller. It will be noted in the reference report of Agent Suran that Elsie Heller, who died in Chicago about September, 1933, was alleged to be the sister of Irene Dorsey. They further stated that their daughter Irene was supposed to have been married George Seibert about 2 years ago, but the same was kept secret from them for approximately one year, and they had no information as to where the marriage ceremony might have taken place.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE is requested to conduct an immediate investigation at the Larne Hotel, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, to ascertain if Irene Dorsey is presently residing there. Irene Dorsey should be interviewed to ascertain where her alleged husband Fred C. Goetz, alias James George Zigler, alias G.B. Siebert, or Seibert, alias A.W. Johnson, alias George B. Johnson, alias Floyd C. Zigler, was residing during June, 1933. She should be closely questioned as to the identity of his associates during that period of time, and obtain any other information which would tend to indicate that George Zigler was in fact involved in the Kansas City Massacre, which occurred on June 17, 1933. It is possible that Irene Dorsey is accompanied by other Chicago hoodlums, and other persons found with her should be closely questioned.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

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June 4, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
Identification Order 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to your letter of May 26, 1934, to the Charlotte Division Office, enclosing copies of a letter dated May 22, 1934, addressed to the Division by Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski, of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John Street, New York City, New York, together with copies of a letter dated Sumter, South Carolina, May 18th, addressed to Mr. Bielaski by one of his Agents, wherein information is set forth concerning the operation of an alleged gang of kidnapers. In the latter letter reference is made to certain contacts of the gang at Savannah, Georgia, it being known for some time that Willie Haar and associates have been contacted from time to time by members of the St. Paul Underworld, and it is possible that members of the Barker-Karpis gang have been in the vicinity of Savannah, Georgia.

Pursuant to your instructions appropriate investigation was made at Savannah and vicinity by Special Agent L. E. Kingman. He has reported as follows:

The Haar gang and their associates in Savannah are well known to Agent Kingman. He is resident agent at that point. He visited Haar's saloon, which is known as the "Brass Rail" at Tybee Beach, which is about twenty miles from Savannah.

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He also observed all cottages, cars and people quite thoroughly and saw no one around who aroused his suspicions.

Agent Kingman has been observing the Haars and their associates for some time. Tybee Beach is not at all active this year. Most of the cottages are unoccupied. In Savannah during the past week Agent Kingman has visited "Bo Peep" Pool Hall on East Congress Street. This joint is operated by Wolf Silver, a Jew and close associate of the Haars. His place has always been a favorite hangout for liquor racketeers who have frequented Savannah in days past. At this place he saw no one that could be suspected as being a part of the mob.

The Haars and Wallace Sipple in Savannah are now devoting the major portion of their activities to the distribution of several brands of beer, with which they are working in the open. It is reported that their activities in smuggling hard liquor is a thing of the past since Repeal. The "big shots" in the liquor racket from Chicago and other Northern cities have ceased to come to Savannah to deal with the Haars.

In this connection Agent Kingman discreetly contacted Morris Alibrandi, proprietor of the Palace Barber Shop and Henry Carter, proprietor of the Savannah Bowling Alleys, both very intimate with the Haars but dependable informants of Agent Kingman. He also contacted in the same manner I. C. Helmly, attorney. These informants know the Haars and their associates and advised that all the activities of the Haars are now confined locally, and that they are divorced, so to speak, from the national rackets and the big shot racketeers.

A. J. Ryan, Jr. Assistant Solicitor-General, is a very reliable informant of Agent Kingman, discreet and dependable. He lives at Tybee Beach and commutes to Savannah. Ever since our investigation at Tybee Beach last Fall to determine whether Richard Gallatis was contacting the Haars at that point, Mr. Ryan has been observing the goings and coming of any suspicious strangers or persons foreign to Tybee. He advised that he has seen no one lately who could be suspected.

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A. J. Ryan, Sr., who is now Postmaster at Tybee Beach, will report to this Office any person who visits Tybee and is intimate with the Haars or their associates, or any persons who appear to be connected with any of the gang.

Agent Kingman has also visited several points on Wilmington Island where cottages are located and also the Walthour Golf Course. He reports that if any of the mob are in the vicinity of Savannah, they are indeed obscure and are hidden and have attracted no attention whatsoever.

It is believed that the agent of the Underwriters who reported this matter to Mr. Bielaski should be able to secure from his informant just where this gang "lay out" near Savannah is located. If his informant is reliable and dependable, would it not be possible for him to become the Division's informant if properly contacted by Division Agents?

Tybee Beach and other points near Savannah, as well as the Haars will be closely observed by Agents of this Office to determine whether any of this mob are living at these places or contacting the Haars. It is agreed that it would be possible and not altogether improbable for members of the mob to be in this vicinity and to be harbored by the Haars.

Very truly yours,

CC New York
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Charlotte
2- St. Paul (Inspector Clegg)

R.A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 14, 1934

Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski,
The National Board of Fire Underwriters,
85 John Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Bielaski:

Further reference is made to your personal letter dated May 22, 1934, transmitting a report of one of your agents, dated at Sumter, South Carolina, May 18, 1934, wherein information obtained from an informant is set forth relative to the operation of certain members of the underworld.

In connection with the statement contained in the report submitted by your agent to the effect that the information contained therein had been offered to a Special Agent of this Division, but that the Agent did not appear to be interested in, nor appreciative of the information offered him, please be advised that I am now in receipt of a letter from the Charlotte Office of this Division, explaining that your Mr. J. H. Forbes and Special Agent D. K. Brent had made several attempts to arrange a meeting with the informant of Mr. Forbes for the purpose of developing further the information which he had previously furnished to Mr. Forbes. Failing to arrange this meeting, an effort was made to obtain the name of the informant but Mr. Forbes refused to disclose the source of his information, and apparently took the position that this Division was not interested in obtaining the information as indicated in his report.

Because of your interest and cooperation in the work of this Division, I wanted to bring this matter to your attention so that you will understand the situation referred to by Mr. Forbes in his report to you dated May 18, 1934. Please be assured that this matter is receiving the attention of this Division, and your continued cooperation is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Charlotte, North Carolina

June 15, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated June 9, 1934, requesting that a complete statement be obtained from Special Agent D. K. Brent, Jr., concerning his contact with a representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters at Sumter, South Carolina, at which time it has been alleged that Agent Brent did not appear interested in information furnished him concerning the activities of a group of gangsters who were planning the kidnaping of various individuals, including Andre Mellon, please be advised that Mr. Reed, former Acting Special Agent in Charge of this office, has already discussed this with Agent Brent, and advised that Division by letter under date of May 31, 1934, in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification Order 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, Identification Order 1219, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM, KIDNAPING

There is enclosed a copy of Mr. Reed's letter, wherein it will be noted that Agent Brent states that the information alleged to have been furnished him by Mr. Forbes was never given him. I have again discussed this matter with Agent Brent, and he states that he has contacted Mr. Forbes on several occasions in an effort to have him divulge the source of his information. Mr. Forbes refuses to do this, but states that he will accompany an Agent to interview his informant, who resides in Greenville, South Carolina. Agent Brent states that he has offered to carry Mr. Forbes to Greenville, but Mr. Forbes has declined the invitation, stating that an interview can not be arranged with his informant until he, Forbes, has occasion to visit Greenville on some of his business.

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According to Agent Brent, shortly after his last personal contact with Mr. Forbes, Mr. Forbes called him by telephone and stated that he would be in Greenville, South Carolina, in a day or two, and would see an Agent there. The file reflects that Agent Brent immediately furnished this information by telephone to Mr. Reed, but due to other emergency matters it was not possible to have an Agent in Greenville at that time.

With reference to Mr. Forbes' statement that he had given his information to Mr. W. Fred Newman, State Detective, Governor's Office, Columbia, South Carolina, in order that Mr. Newman could proceed to Washington for a personal interview with the Director, I might state that several attempts have been made in the last three weeks to contact Mr. Newman in various places without success due to the fact that he travels over the entire state of South Carolina. Every effort is being made to have Mr. Forbes and Mr. Newman interviewed for all information which they have in order that this matter may be given thorough and vigorous attention.

Very truly yours,

T. N. STAPLETON, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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1806 First National Bank Building
Charlotte, North Carolina

May 31, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, Identification
Order 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
Identification Order 1219, et al; EDWARD
GEORGE BREMER - (Victim). Kidnaping.

Reference is made to your letter dated May 26, 1934, with which were transmitted copies of a letter from Mr. A. Bruce Bielaski of The National Board of Fire Underwriters, 85 John Street, New York City, New York, together with copies of a letter dated at Sumter, South Carolina, May 18, 1934, addressed to Mr. Bielaski by Mr. J. H. Forbes, an Agent of that company. Mr. Forbes states in his letter that Special Agent Duncan K. Brent of this office was "not interested in and did not appreciate the information which was contained therein". I wish to call to your attention the fact that this information was never given to Agent Brent by Mr. Forbes, and furthermore that the investigation in this matter has been considerably delayed by Mr. Forbes' attitude. As evidenced by the Charlotte Office file in this case entitled Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, Miscellaneous, Mr. Forbes has refused to divulge the name of his informant in Greenville, South Carolina, stating that he himself must be present when this woman is interviewed by an Agent of the Division. When questioned by Agent Brent, Mr. Forbes advised that he could not make a special trip to Greenville for this purpose, but would wait until called there on business.

On May 2, 1934, efforts were made to interview Mr. Forbes, but it was learned that he was absent from Sumter, South Carolina, at that time.

Shortly after this, Agent Brent received a telephone call from Mr. Forbes, advising that he had further information concerning this matter, and he was advised that an Agent of the Division would call upon him in the near future. At the same

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time he was informed that it was imperative that he furnish the name of his informant, which disclosure he nevertheless refused to make. He did state, however, that he expected to be in Greenville, South Carolina, the next day or the day following.

Agent Brent informed me immediately by telephone of the above conversation, but owing to the condition of work in the office, it was not feasible to have an Agent meet Mr. Forbes in Greenville at that time, and this is doubtless the source of Mr. Forbes' grievance.

Investigation in this matter is being continued, and the identity of the informant in question will be ascertained as soon as suitable arrangements can be made with Mr. Forbes.

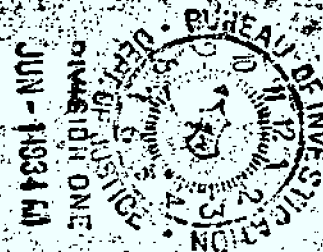
Very truly yours,

L. B. REED, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
May 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue,
Room 1403,
New York, N.Y.



Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to your letter of November 20, 1933, addressed to the Cincinnati office, and to letter from the Detroit office dated December 11, 1933, addressed to you, showing an interview with Kathryn Kelly, to whom was exhibited a photograph of Harvey Schrager, New York City, Police Department #51858. It is noted that Mrs. Kelly informed Special Agent in Charge William Larson of the Detroit office that Schrager, who is known to have been a close friend of Vernon C. Miller, at one time resided in Kansas City, Missouri, with Miller, and also that he participated in a bank robbery with Miller, Harvey Bailey, George Kelly and others.

The photograph of Schrager has not been furnished to the Kansas City office, and, in view of the close connections and caliber of Schrager, it is believed desirable that his photograph be available here for display to the witnesses of the instant massacre. Furthermore, it appears that Schrager's fingerprints should be compared with the latent impressions found at the residence where Vernon C. Miller lived in Kansas City, Missouri, on the date of the massacre, June 17, 1933.

With letter from the Kansas City office dated May 13, 1934, addressed to the Division were transmitted these latent fingerprints, and it was suggested at that time to MAY 31 1934 P.M. comparison be made with many of the known contacts of Miller. This U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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resulted in the identification of the fingerprints of Adam Richetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #25793. The name and police number of Schrager were not suggested. There are still some unidentified latent fingerprints, which were found at the residence in question.

It is requested that the New York City office immediately secure the best available photographic copies of the fingerprints of Schrager through the New York City Police Department and forward same to the Division, with request that an appropriate comparison with the latent fingerprints in question be made. Also please forward immediately to the Kansas City office the best available photograph of Schrager, which can be secured through the New York City Police Department.

A copy of letter dated December 11, 1933, from the Detroit office to the New York City office was furnished to the Kansas City office on May 26, 1934, from Detroit, pursuant to the Division's Circular Letter instructing all offices to furnish this office with copies of communications in their files not previously sent here pertaining to this case.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194; et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 28, 1934, addressed to the New York Office, wherein it was requested that a photograph of Sammy Schrager, New York City Police Department #51868, be obtained and furnished to your office. There are enclosed herewith, and with each copy of this letter, a supply of photographs of this individual obtained from the files of the Identification Unit of the Division.

The fingerprints of this individual have been compared with the latent prints obtained from the home of Vernon C. Miller, and furnished the Division with your letter dated February 13, 1934, but no identification resulted therefrom.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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June 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 9, 1934, transmitting an original letter received by the Police Department, Grand Island, Nebraska, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased), et al; Fugitive, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

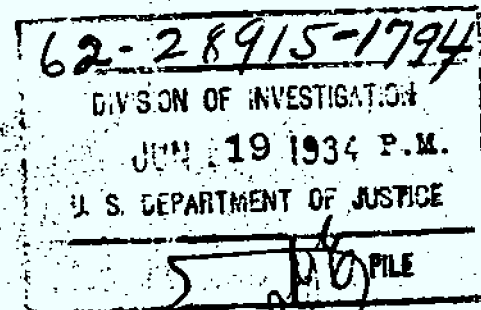
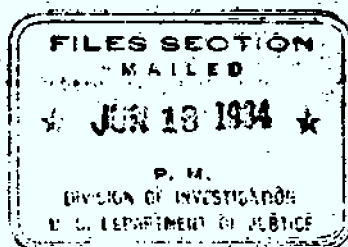
Upon examination in the Division laboratory no latent fingerprints of value could be developed on the letter or accompanying envelope.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Kansas City.

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June 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 7, 1934, transmitting an original letter received by the Oklahoma City Police Department and referred to your office in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased); Richard Tallman Calatan with aliases, I.O. #1201 - Fugitive; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd with aliases, I.O. #1194 - Fugitive; et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

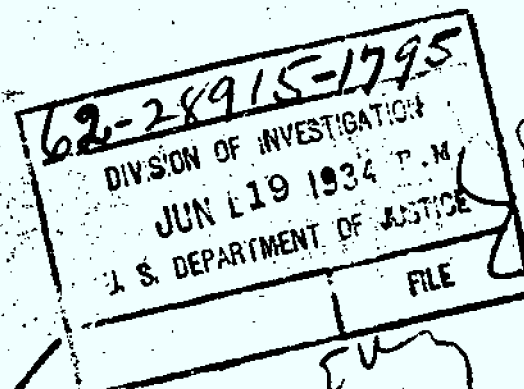
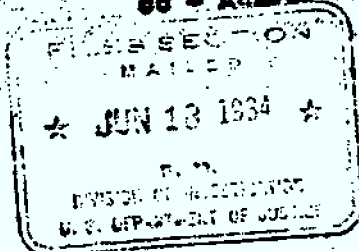
Upon examination in the Division laboratory no latent fingerprints of value could be developed thereon.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.

JUNE 12, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Recently while at Butler, Missouri Special Agent (A) L. A. Quindry, of this office, met Mr. Earnest Christman, a gambler of that city who had, in the early stages of this investigation, furnished certain information indicating that Vernon C. Miller with Herbert Allen Farmer, and other unidentified men were seen parked in a Cadillac car at Butler. That information was investigated insofar as possible with negative results, due to the fact that there was no possibility of further identifying the parties and no other activities occurred there at that time which would indicate any connection with the instant case.

Mr. Christman, on the recent meeting with Agent Quindry, presented a bullet which appears to have been fired from a .45 caliber weapon which he stated pierced his car and was fired by unidentified men in a Model V-8 1933 Ford car bearing Kansas 1934 license tags and having a siren. The date of the occurrence was not given by Mr. Christman.

Mr. Christman has carried this bullet for some time in his possession and it is not in condition to enable a good ballistic analysis. He requested that the Division determine whether this bullet came from a .45 caliber automatic pistol or a machine gun.

Although this exhibit scarcely has any connection with the instant case same is being transmitted to the Division for such attention as is deemed advisable and possible. Kindly return the enclosed exhibit in order that it may in turn be handed to Mr. Christman.

Very truly yours,
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M. C. HEAR, Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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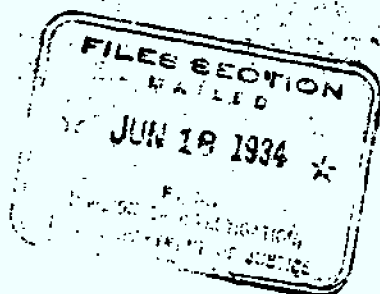
Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases
(Deceased), Et Al, Conspiracy to
Deliver Federal Prisoner.

I am returning herewith the .45 caliber bullet given
to you by Earnest Christmas, a gambler of Butler, Missouri.
The Division does not desire, as a matter of policy, to make
examinations of matters of this kind for underworld characters.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, Mo.**

N.Y. FILE NO. **62-4949** **NW**

REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/18/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/18/34	REPORT MADE BY: L. H. RICHMOND
TITLE: RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases Fugitive- I.O. #1201 et al.,			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. William Lowe, Pequannock, N. J., furnished information that she believed subject had been in her home under the guise of a philanthropist offering aid to a non-sectarian mission which she is interested in, but that the real purpose was to gain her confidence. Informant last heard from the man thought by her to be subject, May 29th by letter mailed at Stroudsburg, Pa., stating he was on his way West. Mrs. Lowe could not be positive of identification of picture shown her.

REFERENCE:

Division letter dated June 8, 1934.

DETAILS:

A letter from Mrs. William Lowe sent to the Division was enclosed with the letter of reference sent to the New York Office. Mrs. Lowe's letter to the Division stated that a man, whom she believed to be the subject, had been operating a religious project

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and soliciting funds in the vicinity of Trenton and Pequannock,
N. J.

AT PEQUANNOCK, NEW JERSEY

Mrs. William Lowe, 3rd Street, informed Agent that she and her husband had been interested in an undenominational mission and that in this work they had come in contact with leaders of other such missions in that section of New Jersey; that through a friend of theirs engaged in similar work at Bristol, Pa., they met a man who had given his name as I. Garretson. Mrs. Lowe said that Garretson appeared to her to be the same person whose picture she had seen on the wall of the Paterson Post Office some few years ago; that upon checking this picture again, she discovered that Garretson was the person she believed to resemble the subject in this case. She was unable, however, to positively identify him from the picture, and a physical description which she gave to Agent of Garretson did not tally very closely in detail to that of the subject. However, Mrs. Lowe said the facial resemblance was very noticeable. Mrs. Lowe said that Garretson, after meeting her and her husband, told them of a proposition he was able to make to help organizations of their type. He represented himself to be an Agent and investigator for a Mr. Pearson of Houston, Texas, who was a very wealthy man and was himself interested in promoting undenominational missions. Garretson told Mr. and Mrs. Lowe that if they would get fifteen members of their congregation to donate \$10.00 a piece, that this money would be deposited in the Postal Savings, and that for each such \$10.00 subscription, his friend, Mr. Pearson, would contribute \$1.00 each month for a period of three years. At the expiration of that time, it was believed by Mr. Pearson, that the mission would be sufficiently well financed to stand on its own feet. Mr. Garretson said that he would transact the business for them and would deposit the money in the Postal Savings. This statement on the part of Mr. Garretson aroused the suspicions of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe. They did not take up the proposition on May 24th when Garretson called at their home. A letter was later received from Garretson, which was written on stationery containing a letterhead of some lumber concern, the name of which informant did not remember, and was enclosed in an envelope bearing the return address of the Hildebrecht Hotel, at Trenton, N. J. and mailed from Stroudsburg, Pa. In this letter Garretson stated that he was leaving very hurriedly for the West and would not be able to continue his negotiations with them.

Mrs. Lowe further advised Agent that Garretson had been in close contact with Reverend Jacobson, at the Trenton Church of the Air, Trenton, N. J. Reverend Jacobson now realized that Garretson had attempted to perpetrate a swindle, and had used him, Jacobson, as a means of making contacts. Mrs. Lowe said that the letters and card received by them from Garretson were at the present time in the possession of Reverend Jacobson and she felt sure that if an Agent of this Division would contact Reverend Jacobson at the Church of the Air, he would be able to furnish additional information in much greater detail than she was able to do.

The description furnished Agent by Mrs. Lowe of Garretson is as follows:

Age	45 to 50
Height	5' 9"
Weight	About 175 or 180 lbs.
Build	Thick Set
Hair	Steel Gray and Wavy
Color of Eyes	Gray
	Large Round Face.
	Very smooth spoken, but letter was very poorly written regarding spelling and grammar.

Drove an old Oldsmobile automobile, bearing a New Jersey license, number of license unknown.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: NEW YORK OFFICE

At Trenton, N. J., interview Reverend Jacobson at the Church of the Air regarding further information he might have concerning Garretson. Also obtain letters written by Garretson to Mr. and Mrs. Lowe for the purpose of handwriting comparison.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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June 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Special Agent in Charge Nathan telephoned from the Kansas City Office and called attention to the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Chicago, Illinois June 16, 1934, containing a lead for the San Francisco Office to locate and interview Irene Dorsey, the widow of Fred Z. Goetz, alias "Machine-Gun" George Zeigler.

Mr. Nathan suggested the advisability of placing Irene Dorsey under surveillance in order to determine her contacts and associates. Mr. Nathan pointed out that the letter of the Salt Lake City Office addressed to the Chicago Office dated March 29, 1934 sets forth information furnished by "Red" Johnson, now serving a life sentence at the Colorado State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, to the effect that Gus Stone is in love with Irene and that Stone, in his, Johnson's, opinion was one of the participants in the Kansas City Massacre along with Zeigler.

I instructed Mr. Nathan to telephone the San Francisco Office and request that a surveillance be placed on Irene Dorsey for a period of several weeks, prior to interviewing her.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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Comptroller General of the United States

Washington.

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May 18, 1934 HPT

The Honorable
The Attorney General.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 24, 1934, requesting decision what appropriation, if any, is available to make payment on the vouchers submitted in favor of Dr. J. A. Walker for \$45. and of Shawnee City Hospital for \$37, for medical and hospital service rendered Eva Mae Nichols and Ralph Rowe and of Gaskill Undertaking Company for ambulance service rendered in taking to the hospital the two persons named and Wilbur Underhill.

It appears that the persons in question were wounded when they were placed under arrest by special agents of the Division of Investigation of the Department of Justice, and it was necessary to take them to the hospital for treatment.

It has been held that the expense of necessary medical or surgical treatment of persons who have been arrested by officers of the United States and are held as prisoners of the United States is an expense incident to the arrest which, if incurred under proper conditions and with due authority, is a lawful charge against the United States. See 2 Comp. Gen. 804.

It appears that Wilbur Underhill was a fugitive from justice and that the raid in which the three persons were wounded was undertaken for the purpose of apprehending him. The other two were arrested for harboring and for conspiracy to harbor a fugitive from justice.

The arrest of the persons in question appears to have been a proper function of the special agents who made the arrests and the expense herein considered appears to have been incurred under proper conditions and with due authority.

Accordingly, the expense of the necessary medical treatment, including the expense of conveying the wounded persons to the hospital, is an expense incident to their arrest and is chargeable under the 1934 P.M.

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if the charges are otherwise correct and proper.

The vouchers and supporting papers are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

(signed) J. R. McCarl
Comptroller General
of the United States.

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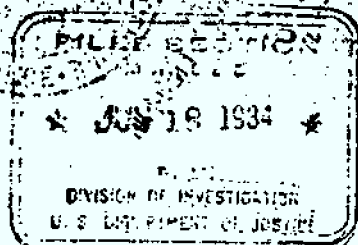
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER
NATHAN
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There is transmitted herewith a copy of a decision rendered by the Comptroller General on May 18, 1934, relative to the availability of funds for payment of vouchers for medical, hospital and ambulance service for Eva Mae Nichols and Ralph Rowe who were wounded at the time of the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill.

Very truly yours,

Director.



Springfield Mo.
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation, Dept of Justice

Mr Lewis Douglas

Dear Sir:

Writing you

of this Charles Arthur Floyd
which they call pretty Boy Floyd.

I wrote to the Sheriff in Kansas City
and told him my idea how to catch
this pretty Boy. I went to school
with him in Lands Springs Okla.

In 1919 20 21 22. I am also known
By his wife. which the papers says

she in Tulsa now. about 5 month
ago Mr Calhoun a Federal man
was here to see me, and at that

Time he told me that the Federal
Government wasent wanting him.

But you are now. Now my idea in
Catching pretty Boy is through his
wife. which is a dangerous way.

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I know her, and went with her
Before Floyd did, I also know her ups
And I still Believe I can date her
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night, will solve my plan, now I am
Leaving the Rest up to you, to think it
over And let me know. I am
well experienced with a Rifle or any
Fire arms. My age is 30 years. I am a
Married man and have a Family. I am
well known here in Springfield Mo.
Now if you want that Pretty Boy, Bad
enough you will put me on his trail
I see where the Government is going to
hire 2.70 more men for such of work.

I am closing hoping to hear
• soon. Yours,

Harry Warner.

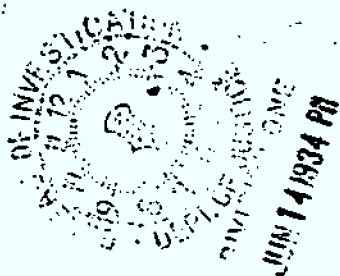
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When Floyd is caught, this Clyde
Barrow, and this Dillingers, and
some more, will be easy to get.
Now if you want good Reference
I can furnish the Rest.
Yours truly



C O P Y

Springfield, Mo.
May 15, 1934.

U. S. Bureau of Investigation, Dept of Justice

Mr. Lewis Douglas
Dear Sir:

Writing you in Regards of this Charles Arthur Floyd which they Call Pretty Boy Floyd. I wrote to the Sheriff in Kansas City and told him my Idea how to Catch This Pretty Boy. I went to School with him in Sands Springs, Okla. In 1919 20 21 22. I am also Known By his Wife Which the papers says she is in Tulsa Now. About 5 month ago Mr. Calhune a Federal man was here to see me and at that Time he told me that the Federal Government Wasent Wanting him. But you are now. Now my Ida in Catching Pretty Boy is Through his Wife, which is a dangers way. I know her and went with her Before Floyd did. I also know her ways and I still Believe I can date her out any night And one are two night. Will Solve my plan. Now I am Leaving the Rest up to you to think it over and let me know. I am well experienced with a Rifle are any Fire arms. My ge is 30 years. I am a married man and have a Family. I am well Known here in Springfield, Mo. Now if you want that Pretty Boy Bad enufe you will put me on his trail. I see where the Government is going to Hire 2.70 more men for such of work.

I am closing hopping to hear Soon.

Yours,

(S) HARRY MARLPE

1014 1/2 N. Boulevard

Springfield, Missouri

P. S. When Floyd is Caught this Clyde Barrow and this Dillingers and Some More will Be easy to get. Now if you want good Reference I can furnish the Best.

Yours truly,

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Mr. Harry Marler,
1014 1/2 North Boulevard,
Springfield, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 15, 1934, addressed to Mr. Lewis Douglas, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, which was inadvertently sent to the Bureau of the Budget and referred to this Division on June 14, 1934 for consideration and reply.

Please be advised that this Division is seeking the location and apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

In connection with your request for employment, I regret to advise that no temporary appointments are being made at this time for the specific purpose of apprehending Floyd. However, I am referring a copy of your letter to Mr. R. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who will assign an agent to interview you respecting this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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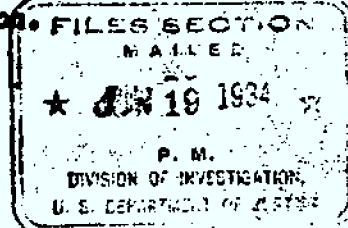
Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, Identification Order 1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases, FUGITIVE, Identification Order 1194,
et al; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

There are enclosed, herewith, copies of a letter dated May 15, 1934, written by Harry Marler, 1014 1/2 North Boulevard, Springfield, Missouri, which letter was received in the Bureau of the Budget on May 18, 1934 and received at the Division on June 14, 1934. Mr. Marler sets forth the information that he is personally acquainted with Subject Floyd and associated with Floyd's wife prior to her marriage to Floyd.

In view of the statements made by Mr. Marler, it is suggested that he be immediately contacted and arrangements made to enlist his cooperation in bringing about the location and apprehension of Subject Floyd.

This matter should receive your immediate personal attention.



Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 785798

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Post Office Drawer 1457
Saint Louis, Missouri
June 15, 1934

Personal and
Confidential.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 9, 1934, concerning information furnished by a representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters pertaining to an alleged operation of a gang which had planned to kidnap various individuals, including Andrew Mellon, which information is said to have been given Special Agent D. K. Brent, Jr., of the Charlotte, North Carolina Office.

When the original information was received by the Charlotte Office, the matter was assigned to Special Agent Brent for investigation at Columbia, South Carolina, and he was told to go into the report thoroughly. A day or so thereafter, while conferring with Agent Brent over the telephone about other matters, he told me that he had interviewed the original informant, whose name I believe was Newman, and that Newman stated that the person from whom the information would have to be obtained was a woman in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Agent Brent stated that he endeavored to obtain the name of the woman from Newman, but Newman refused to give it, stating that he, Newman, would have to be present while the woman was interviewed. Brent informed me further that he offered and requested that Newman accompany him, Brent, to Spartanburg, where they could jointly interview the woman, and that Newman declined to make the trip, stating that he would meet Brent there some other time. When Agent Brent returned to Charlotte I again asked him about the matter, and he stated he had been endeavoring to get in touch with Newman. Thereafter Agent Brent was assigned to a number of special investigations concerning applicants for appointment, such as judges and U. S. Attorneys, in which cases the Division instructed that investigation be made immediately and that telegraphic summaries be furnished. Consequently, the matter in hand, as well as other assignments Agent Brent had, did not receive the attention they should have had. Agent Brent then received a long distance call that his father had died in Buxton, Maryland, and he immediately left Charlotte for his home.

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The information contained in the memorandum submitted to the Charlotte Office by Special Agent Brent should have been forwarded to the Division; however, it was felt that the information was rather vague and indefinite, and it was also believed that continued efforts on the part of Agent Brent would result in more accurate and definite information which, it was planned, would be transmitted to the Division without delay. Agent Brent kept me fully advised of his attempts to obtain all information in this case, and the writer assumes full responsibility for not forwarding Brent's memorandum.

Relative to the criticism that has been directed in this matter towards the attitude taken by Special Agent Brent in his contact with the representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, it is my profound belief that Special Agent Brent was unjustly and unduly criticized. I base this statement on the fact that Brent was deeply concerned in the matter, and showed every possible interest, and kept me fully advised. It is quite possible that the representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters misunderstood and misconstrued the attitude of Agent Brent.

Very truly yours,

L. B. REED,
Special Agent in Charge.

LER:M

cc Charlotte

422 Midland Savings Bldg.
Denver, Colo.
June 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased),
RICHARD TALLMAN CALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. No. 1201,
Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, with
aliases, Fugitive, I. O. No. 1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Reference is made to your letter dated June 9, 1934, relative to P. J. Daugherty of Denver, possibly having information concerning the whereabouts of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Immediately upon receipt of telephonic request from your office on June 7, 1934, I endeavored to contact P. J. Daugherty, 2114 Stout Street, telephone Keystone 9628, Denver. Upon reaching Daugherty by telephone at this number the evening of June 7, 1934, and advising him as to my identity and purpose in calling, he muttered that he had been to the Denver Police Department and could get no information concerning Floyd. He appeared to have no interest in the matter but promised to call at this office the following day. Upon his failure to do so, I called at his resident address the night of June 8, 1934, in company with Special Agent A. R. Gere.

Daugherty was found to occupy a rear upstairs room at this address, which is a cheap rooming house in the questionable section of the city. Upon interviewing he stated that approximately two and one-half months ago, a man giving his name as William Young moved into a house at 2108 Stout Street, which is only a few doors from Daugherty's address. Later a woman was observed with him and he explained that this was his wife. This latter individual was the person Daugherty suspected of being Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and his suspicions prompted the letters written by him to the Governor of Oklahoma.

Upon questioning Daugherty as to his suspicions in this matter, he stated that he had heard a rumor or read somewhere that

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Floyd was masquerading as a woman and that he had also seen Floyd's photograph in the newspapers; that upon seeing the supposed wife of Young he noticed a close resemblance between this person and Floyd's photograph. Also, he had observed that this person as well as Young remained in their house practically all of the time, and that the person known as Mrs. Young knew nothing whatever about washing clothes, but was frequently observed hanging clothes on the line.

Some time about the first of June, according to Daugherty, the persons in question moved from 2108 to 2127 Stout Street. This place like the former being owned by one John Kajestie. Mrs. Young then disappeared and it was rumored that she had gone to some hospital to give birth to a child. However, Daugherty doubted that this was a fact and believed that this person had possibly left to rob a bank.

Daugherty stated that he had gone to the Detective Bureau of the Denver Police Department some time the first of June requesting to see a photograph of Floyd, but that the police had taken no interest in him and he had not given them the information with reference to the Youngs. It was apparent from conversing with Daugherty that he was a trifle mentally unbalanced.

Daugherty described Young and his wife as follows:

Name--William Young
Age--26
Height--5'10" or 11"
Weight--175 lbs.
Build--Medium
Complexion--Medium
Hair--Brown
Dress--Wears brown hat and blue shirt

Name--Mrs. William Young
Age--35 or 36
Height--5'8 1/2"
Weight--120
Complexion--Medium
Hair--Light brown.

On June 6, 1934, I made inquiry at the Denver Police Department interviewing Detective O. A. Carter, who has made previous efforts to locate Floyd. He stated that his department had made no investigation of the information furnished by Daugherty and that the latest investigation conducted regarding Floyd took place May 13, 1934 when a rumor was received that one of two persons living at 518 18th Street answered the description of Floyd. Investigation here by himself and fellow officers disclosed this person to be Ed Freeman, gambler, who is known to the police department.

Through telephonic communication it was found that one Linda Young, address 2108 Stout Street, Denver, was received at the Denver General Hospital on June 2, 1934. Investigation made at this hospital by Special Agent J. D. Swenson and myself disclosed that Linda Young is the wife of William Young; that this person was received as a confinement case on June 2, 1934 and gave birth to a child on June 3, 1934. This person was released from the hospital on June 13, 1934, which was prior to the day of investigation.

Accordingly inquiry was made at 2127 Stout Street, mentioned by Daugherty as being the latest address of Mr. and Mrs. William Young. At this address I interviewed John Majestic, owner, who advised that Mr. and Mrs. Young had previously lived at 2108 Stout Street, then at this address, but due to lack of room here they had to secure additional quarters. Majestic was unable to advise the present address of these persons but stated that it was somewhere on the west side of Denver. I questioned Majestic as to whether this woman had recently been to the hospital and he stated that the first part of the month she was taken to the Denver General Hospital where she had given birth to a child, and that she was released from the hospital on June 13, 1934. John Majestic was shown a photograph of Subject Floyd and stated that same did not resemble either of the Youngs or anyone he had seen in company with them.

It is evident that the Mrs. Young, mentioned above, is the individual whom Daugherty suspected of being Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division ✓
Kansas City
Chicago

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul, Minn.

June 19, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1194, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.
St. Paul File No. 62-888.

Reference is made to the memorandum, dated June 8, 1934,
addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Office
by Special Agent W.E. Miller in connection with the above entitled
matter. In this connection, there are enclosed herewith the fol-
lowing data which were transmitted with the copies of the afore-
mentioned memorandum, which were transmitted to this office:

1. Four negatives for photographs of individuals,
whose identity is not known, and it is suggested
that, in the Division's laboratory, prints of
these negatives be prepared and transmitted to
the Kansas City Office, in duplicate, for the
information of that office and such investigation
made as the facts may appear to justify.
2. Letter dated February 16, 1931, addressed to Mrs.
G.E. Barker, with salutation, "Dear Mother", and
signed by Fred Barker, 98360-B-2. This letter may
be in the handwriting of Fred Barker and, if so,
will be of value in connection with this matter
as well as in connection with the BREMER kidnaping
case. It is suggested that the Kansas City Office
verify the number following Barker's signature to
determine if this, in fact, is the actual prison
number for Fred Barker as of the date of the letter
in the Lansing, Kansas, Penitentiary.

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3. Photograph of handwriting in ink showing signature of Ray E. Hamilton, believed to be the handwriting of Alvin Karpis. It is suggested that this specimen of handwriting, if determined in the Division's laboratory to be identical with the handwriting of Karpis, be added to the collection of the known handwriting of this subject.
4. Photograph of Mr. and Mrs. George Barker who, in the photograph, are flanked on either side with the photograph of two individuals whose identities are unknown.
5. Photograph of Mrs. George E. Barker and A.W. Dunlop. This photograph appears to be of value as it may aid in the location of Doc and Fred Barker through their mother.
6. Photograph of Mr. and Mrs. George Barker, seated on the front porch of a shack. To Mr. Barker's right are the photographs of two individuals whose identities are unknown.
7. Photograph of Dorothy Karpis, wife of Alvin Karpis. It is suggested that duplicates of this photograph be made and transmitted to the Chicago, Kansas City, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, and St. Paul Offices, for use in the event Alvin Karpis is found in company with Dolores Delaney, as this picture, shown to Dolores Delaney, might cause her to furnish information she might not otherwise desire to furnish.

It is also suggested that copies of the photographs of Mrs. George E. Barker be prepared and furnished to appropriate field offices having primary interest in this investigation.

There are also enclosed the following newspaper clippings which accompanied the above mentioned memorandum, which clippings are being transmitted to the Division to complete the history of the subjects in the instant case:

1. Clipping with heading, "Volney Davis is wanted in Okmulgee Also".
2. Clipping with headline, "Fred Barker is Shot by Police".
3. Clipping with headline, "Life Sentence Given Davis on Murder Charge".
4. Clipping with headline, "Beggs Murder Mystery to be Solved Again".
5. Clipping with headline, "Davis Trial is Marked by Tilts".
6. Clipping with headline, "Officers Put Seven Men in Institutions".
7. Clipping with headline, "Testimony Begins at Davis Trial".
8. Clipping with headline, "Law Stallers on Last Lap of Preliminary".
9. Clipping with headline, "Charged with Rifling Mail".
10. Articles of Divorce Asked and Divorce Granted.

There is returned herewith to the Kansas City Office of this Division, the following:

1. Photograph of A.W.Dunlop and unknown woman.
2. Photograph of unknown individual with foot on rear bumper of Studebaker automobile. It is suggested that the identity of this individual might be established by making inquiries of the Thomas Motor Company of Tulsa, as well as the registration of Studebaker automobiles bearing the license number, five digits of which are legible on the photograph, and also by inquiring at the Mumroe Studio at Tulsa, Oklahoma, where the photograph was developed.

3. Photograph of George Barker.
4. Photograph of Mrs. George Barker and Arthur Dunlop.
5. Photograph of unknown individual, thought to be Phoenix Donald alias William Weaver. (Even though this be true, more recent photographs of this individual are available.) The identity of the above individual is otherwise unknown to the St. Paul Office.
6. Photograph of George Barker and unknown woman.
7. Photograph of Mrs. George Barker.
8. Photograph of Erie Barker.
9. Photograph of George E. Barker, in chicken yard.
10. Group photograph of unknown parties.
11. Photograph of three individuals, identities unknown.
12. Letter signed by "Dorothy".
13. Letter signed by "Mrs. R".
14. An envelope addressed to Mrs. W.A. Dunlop, West Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,


H.H. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.

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CC Kansas City (Enc.)

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (deceased)
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Number: 62-28915-1803
Ref: 7-576-2203.

Specimens: Twenty photographs.

Three letters.

Ten newspaper clippings.

One envelope.

For detailed description of the above listed items see Division
letter from St. Paul Div. Off. dated June 19, 1934.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Division Office.

Date received: June 27, 1934

Examination requested: Laboratory.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

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Case: *Vernon C. Miller, with aliases* Number: *62-28910-1893*

Specimens: *Letter dated 7/1/31 addressed to Mrs. J. H. Barker signed Fred Barker 98360-B-2*

Photo of signature Ray E. Hamilton believed to be that of Alvin Karpis.
Examination requested by: *St Paul office*

Date received: *Arrested if possible whether above are handwriting of these fugitives*

Examination requested: *and compare with anonymous letter 6/22/31 at other specimens for leads into whereabouts.*

Result of examination: *See* Examination by: *Ray E. Hamilton*
Q & A questioned re. Ray E. Hamilton
names of Walter compared with signatures on 8 photos including
Hamilton in Geo Haller

for J. H. Barker
Hamilton Ray E. Karpis
date name on re

For purposes of fugitive investigation
believed identical.

Pres. Sig. Fred Barker
Similarities: Fred Barker
to ff. signatures. Believed identical.
kind different than but used in body of letter

further comparison being made
with anonymous letters and
other documents in this case.

Compared anonymous letters
etc in Bremer & Delinger cases.

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A, OKLAHOMA, MONDAY

VOLNEY DAVIS IS WANTED IN OKMULGEE ALSO

IS ARRAIGNED HERE FOR MUR-
DER OF THOMAS SHERRILL
AND PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Volney Davis, alleged to be one of the murderers of Thomas J. Sherrill, night watchman at St. John's hospital, was arraigned before Justice J. H. Query this morning, pleaded not guilty and was held without bond for preliminary trial at 9 a. m. Saturday.

Davis was captured at Sapulpa Saturday by police of that city on information furnished by Walter Duckett, deputy sheriff, who assisted in unraveling the Sherrill murder mystery. When taken the local youth had a set of steel saws concealed in a belt around his waist.

Duckett stated today that Davis has been in this vicinity since the Barker trial, moving about between Okmulgee, Sapulpa, Drumright, Whitzbang and other oil towns. The detective declared that Davis had made a statement to him in which he said he had been on the trail of "Slate" Chamberlain to kill him for turning on the gang and giving testimony which led to "Doc" Barker being sentenced to serve a life term in the state penitentiary.

Wanted for Murder in Okmulgee.
OKMULGEE, Ok.—Volney Davis, who is being held by Tulsa authorities in connection with the death of a watchman there recently, was identified yesterday as one of the band of six alleged bandits who engaged in a gun battle with Okmulgee police here on February 9 by Patrolman M. L. Larimore, one of the officers who participated in the battle and who was wounded, according to a statement made today by Chief of Police Dick Farr. The Okmulgee officer picked Davis out of a group of 13 prisoners in the run-around of the Tulsa jail.

Police Captain Homer Spaulding was fatally wounded in the battle and died a week later. Frank Hadley and Ed Lansing, later identified as ex-convicts, were captured by the police, and James Saxton of Tulsa, one of the band who fought the gun battle with the police, was killed by officers. Lansing, who has recovered from a bullet wound in the arm, and Frank Hadley are being held in the Okmulgee county jail to await the action of the district court grand jury. They were indicted for murder by the superior court grand jury which was dismissed on February 2. The indictment also charged them with carrying burglars' tools, transporting nitroglycerin and resisting an officer.

The car in which the alleged bandits came to Okmulgee, police and insurance company detectives have discovered, was assembled from parts of six stolen automobiles. The car body was stolen from a Sapulpa lawyer. Unable to reassemble the stolen parts with cars in different sections of the country, the insurance company has given the machine to the Okmulgee police department.

The Okmulgee police will await the disposition of Davis' case in Tulsa before filing a charge against him, Chief of Police Farr said today.

Davis was located by the Okmulgee police through the assistance of a detective who believes he was implicated in a theft of \$50,000 worth of bonds from a Kansas bank, according to Chief Farr. He was arrested in Tulsa by officers there who were also searching for him in connection with the shooting of a night watchman in Tulsa.

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FRED BARKER IS SHOT BY POLICE

Man Wanted for Hijack-
ing Poker Game Wound-
ed in Dash for Freedom

Fred Barker, awaiting trial here on two felony charges, was shot through the right hand Monday afternoon when police officers attempted to arrest him at the home of Anna Harvison, 1512 West Fourth on a charge of hijacking a poker game at 19 West Archer Saturday night and robbing the players of \$600, according to reports at the police station last night.

Barker will be turned over to the country Tuesday morning and additional charges will be placed against him, according to the police.

According to Officers Erwin, Byrd, Ellis, Ealy Anderson and Hicks, they surrounded the house and when Barker attempted to get away by crawling from under the house and running, a shot was fired and Barker stopped with a bullet through his hand. According to police, he and G. E. (Shorty) McGowan, who was also arrested Monday afternoon, have been positively identified as the bandits who raided the poker session.

LIFE SENTENCE GIVEN DAVIS ON MURDER CHARGE

Aged Parents Hear Jury Render Verdict

Remaining out but 23 minutes the jury in the case of Volney Davis, 30-year-old Tulsa youth, found him guilty, Saturday afternoon, of the murder, August 26, 1921, of Thomas J. Sherrill, aged night watchman at St. John's hospital, and fixed his punishment at life imprisonment in the state penitentiary at McAlester.

There was no demonstration as the court clerk read the verdict. The only person who moved was Davis. He leaned back slightly in his chair and a relieved look flitted across his features. He had slipped from the shadow of the electric chair.

Father and Mother Suffer

The aged father and mother, sitting just behind him, made no visible sign that they had heard the verdict. Their faces bore a look as if they had suffered so much already it was impossible for them to suffer more.

Five minutes after the verdict was rendered and Judge Williams had excused the jury the courtroom that has been the scene of a spectacular life and death battle for the past four days—a battle replete with more surprises than any murder case ever tried in Tulsa county, was deserted.

Beside the counsel table were two chairs with arms interlocked. They were the chairs in which the parents of the defendant sat throughout the trial. They told a mute story of what had gone on in the bosoms of those who occupied them and how they had leaned on each other for support at the final moment.

Luther James, counsel for the defense, said Davis would likely appeal. He will be taken to McAlester within the next few days.

May Not Press Second Charge

There is a second murder charge pending against Davis at Okmulgee, where he is alleged to have assisted in the murder of Homer Spaulding, a policeman. Had he been acquitted here he would have been sent to Okmulgee to face this charge. Now, it is not likely that it will be pressed.

Davis, "Doc" Barker and Howard Margraves, alias Carpenter, were accused of killing Sherrill while attempting to rob the safe of the Fuller Construction Co. at the hospital. Barker was given a life sentence a year ago.

Margraves was killed following the jail break two weeks ago, when he and Davis were overtaken by County Commissioner Ira Short and Special Deputy Glenn Larkin near Sapulpa.

Davis has lived most of his life in Tulsa. He was a juvenile offender when only 16.

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BEGGS MURDER MYSTERY TO BE SOLVED AGAIN

K.C. File 7-32

IDENTIFIED AS DEAD, YOUTH
RETURNS HOME; RELATIVES
ASTOUNDED

ATOKA, Ok.—From the tomb of the dead to the land of the living, Fred Smith, 19 years old, has returned.

Identified by three persons, including his own brother-in-law, as a man who was found murdered on Monday, December 12, near Beggs, Okmulgee county, Smith upon his arrival here almost threw his relatives into hysterics.

At the time he was supposed to have been murdered, Smith says he was working in the oil fields at Mexia, Tex. He asserts he is unable to throw any light on the identity of the body found near Beggs.

Henry Carter, the brother-in-law who identified the body of the murdered man as that of Smith, was overwhelmed when the boy appeared at his home. Leo Estes of Wilburton, and Marvin Briggs, told authorities they had come as far as Wilburton with Smith last fall. Smith says he doesn't know Briggs, but was with Estes at the time stated, but went to Mexia, Tex., to work in the oil fields.

DAVIS TRIAL IS MARKED BY TILTS

Fight Over Prospective Jurors Occupied En- tire Day's Session

The closely contested court battle between County Attorney John Goldesberry and Luther James, counsel for Volney Davis, 20-year-old youth on trial before District Judge W. B. Williams for murder, resulted yesterday in a postponement of the hearing until 9 o'clock Thursday morning because of the lack of prospective jurors. James for the defense and Goldesberry for the state have fought inch by inch for the last two days in the preliminary steps of the court trial and furor after juror has been disqualified and excused for cause by both

sides, with the result that at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon when three peremptory challenges still remained to the state and four to the defense, the entire jury panel had been exhausted. Davis is charged with murdering Thomas E. Sherrill, night watchman, August 26, 1921.

Court was ordered recessed until Thursday morning at which time a new panel of 25 men will have been summoned. Over a score of men were excused during the first day of the hearing because of opposition to the death penalty. And at noon Wednesday many of the men called to fill the places of those challenged were disqualified for the same reason.

Both Goldesberry and James were confident that the selection of a jury would be concluded before Thursday noon and that the trial proper will start shortly after the noon recess. The hearing of testimony will require the remainder of the week and may extend into next week unless night sessions are held.

The connecting of Norman Gillard with the alleged bandit gang that is charged with killing Sherrill was an

error. In a story carried Tuesday morning The World stated that Gillard was charged with being a member of the bandit gang and had been one of the chief state witnesses when "Doc" Barker, the alleged leader, was tried and convicted of murder a year ago.

Norman Gillard, however, was not a member of the band and in no way connected with it or the killing of Sherrill, investigations made yesterday showed.

Gillard was summoned as a state witness at the Barker trial but was never called to the stand. His older brother, Sylvester, however, was called to the stand as a state witness and testified that he loaned Claude

Chamberlain the guns which were later used by Barker and Howard Margraves in killing the watchman, according to state testimony from other witnesses. The only connection that Norman Gillard had with the case, it is disclosed, was that his brother had told him of loaning the guns and that he aided in recovering them some time later from Chamberlain.

That Chamberlain, Joe Morris and Sylvester Gillard will take the stand against Davis was County Attorney Goldesberry's statement yesterday. Other state witnesses will be sons of the murdered man and officials of the construction company by which Sherrill had been employed as

watchman. The defense has not disclosed its line of evidence.

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BUNE, TULSA, OKLAHOMA

OFFICERS PUT SEVEN MEN IN INSTITUTIONS

"CHAWTERBACKER" STARR
AGAIN IS IN Durance

Elmer E. Smith, Orville Allen, Henry Grove and Claude Black, the Turkey mountain hijackers, who pleaded guilty and accepted terms of six years each in the Granite reformatory, were registered in at the institution Saturday, according to John Penn, deputy sheriff, and Ira Short, county commissioner, who guarded them on the trip.

The four youths, all of whom lived along Cat creek in the north end of the city, were arrested charged with two holdups of auto parties one night last fall. One of the holdup gang was shot by Waldo Spees, son of Dr. Spees and now a member of the Tulsa police force. When Allen appeared at the Tulsa hospital that night badly wounded information was secured which led to the arrests. The gang was suspected of several other hijacking exploits which took place about the same time.

W. P. Carden, an alleged member of the strongly organized gang of house prowlers to which "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis, implicated in the Sherrill murder, were said to belong, was taken to Granite at the same time to serve five years for auto theft. Carden has been arrested repeatedly but has always turned state's evidence before.

Fred Williams, recently convicted and given four years for the robbery of the Fred Cross store at Glennpool, was the only other prisoners taken to Granite.

Noah "Chawterbacker" Starr, aged 12, and an admitted horse thief was again vaccinated and returned to the state industrial institute at Pauls Valley Saturday. Local authorities hope "Chawterbacker" will remain a while but say they would not be surprised to see him back soon. They declare it is as difficult for Noah to keep in jail as it is for him to keep out.

K.C. File 2-27.

TESTIMONY BEGINS AT DAVIS TRIAL

Eleven Witnesses Called
to Stand by Prosecution
of Tulsa Youth

JURY IS COMPLETED

31 of 70 Men Disqualified Be-
cause of Opposition of
Death Penalty

After two and a half days had been spent in questioning 70 men, the jury of 12 men who are to finally decide the fate of Volney Davis, 20-year-old youth on trial before District Judge W. B. Williams for murder, were finally selected and sworn in just before noon yesterday. Immediately after the noon recess, T. L. Wallace, assistant county attorney, made the state's opening statement and was followed by a brief statement from Luther James, counsel for Davis.

During the afternoon, the state put on 11 of its witnesses and when court adjourned at 5 o'clock, John M. Goldesberry, county attorney, announced that unless unexpected delays arose the state would conclude before Friday noon.

The jury as finally accepted and sworn in follows: R. R. Runyon, janitor, Tulsa; J. H. Craig, merchant, Skiatook; M. M. Spillers, oil operator of Broken Arrow; H. A. Schaffer, warehouse man; O. P. & R. Co., Tulsa; A. F. Truex, geologist, Tulsa; W. H. Gaffney, insurance agent, Tulsa; R. L. Moody, motorman, Tulsa Street Railway company; G. W. Reichelderfer, Tulsa Ice company; J. W. Norris, contractor, Tulsa; Sam O'Brien, bricklayer, Tulsa; R. C. Butler, farmer, Bixby; W. F. Rouleau, auto mechanic for Carter Oil company, Tulsa.

Thirty-one of the 70 men examined were disqualified because of opposition to the infliction of the death penalty. Of the nine peremptory challenges allowed each side, the state exercised eight and the defense nine. Others were disqualified because of prejudice against Davis.

Worked as Water Boy.

Assistant County Attorney Wallace told the jury in the prosecution's opening statement, that the state's testimony would show that Davis obtained a job as water boy a few days before the alleged murder, at the St. John's hospital which was then under construction. Davis planned the robbery of the safe, which the gang were attempting when Thomas J. Sherrill, the night watchman, interfered and was slain, according to Wallace.

The testimony will also show that Claude Chamberlain, star witness for the state, borrowed two guns from Sylvester Gillard and then loaned them to "Doc" Barker, Howard Margraves and Volney Davis, the trio charged with killing Sherrill. Barker is already serving a life term in the penitentiary for a conviction of the crime and Margraves was killed several days ago when resisting capture. The alleged murder occurred the night of August 26, 1921.

One of the guns borrowed from Gillard was of a peculiar style and fired a bullet that was easily identified. The state will attempt to show that Chamberlain and Joe Morris accompanied the three alleged murderers to within a few hundred yards of the half completed hospital. R. J. Bates, taxi driver, took the three alleged killers, Morris and Chamberlain to the place in a car and then went back to town. Morris accompanying him, so witnesses for the state will testify. Wallace continued.

After the murder, Chamberlain went to the apartment of Billie Campbell, paramour of Barker's, and early the next morning, Barker and the others crawled in through a window and told of having killed a man.

When court adjourned yesterday Chamberlain had just been called to the witness chair. His testimony will require fully two hours and Judge Williams ordered court adjourned. The witnesses who testified yesterday afternoon were Dr. Fred Boso, L. L. Huntsman, John Coachman, William Moore, Martin J. Fleming, Harry Sherrill, James Sherrill, F. J. Bays, C. A. Bingley, R. S. Gillard and E. J. Bates.

Tells of Wounds.
Doctor Boso told of Sherrill's wounds; Huntsman, Coachman and Fleming proved the man's death, while the two Sherrill boys and Bays furnished the link in the chain of evidence regarding the peculiarity of the bullets; Gillard and Bingley told of the guns and Bates of driving the alleged murderers to within a few hundred yards of the hospital. Harry and James Sherrill said they had been given two bullets by the undertakers who testified that they had removed the bullets from the murdered man's body. Bays told of having received the bullets from the Sherrill boys and how he made an exhaustive search to find similar bullets in local firearms stores.

Gillard told of having stolen the guns from his employer, C. A. Bingley, and then loaning them to Chamberlain. Bingley in turn took the stand and described the gun which fired the peculiar bullet. He said that it was the only gun of its kind in town and that the bullets could be procured at only one store.

Bates' testimony took Chamberlain, Davis, Barker and Margraves to within a few hundred yards of the scene of the murder and from there the chain of evidence will be completed by Chamberlain's testimony. He is expected to testify given that he gave the guns to Gillard.

on the unraveling of the mystery which surrounded Sherrill's death nearly three months. Most of the state witnesses yesterday were asked without any cross examination and James fired only one or two questions at the others.

The defense attorney signified yesterday evening that if Chamberlain told the same story he related in the Barker trial he would not be cross examined to any extent. However, James declared that if he departed from the original testimony he cross examination would be rough.

It is expected that the case will be before the jury some time Saturday.

er Margraves and Davis to a small clump of trees within a few yards of the hospital site and that when the trio left him Barker and Margraves still had the guns; that shortly after they left he heard shots and immediately went to the Billie Campbell apartment, which had been previously arranged as a rendezvous.

Convicted by Bullet.

The conviction of Barker was brought about by the identification of the peculiar bullet and Chamberlain's testimony. Both were of supreme importance in the state's case then and both are the mainstays of the state's case in the Davis trial.

While the other witnesses complete the chain of circumstantial evidence, Goldesberry admits that it is upon Chamberlain's testimony that the entire state case rests. Without him a conviction would be an impossibility.

Luther James failed to make a lengthy opening statement, employing his time to a bitter attack against Walter Duckett, private detective who was largely responsible

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LAW STALLERS ON LAST LAP OF PRELIMINARY

YOUTHS ACCUSED OF AMAZING
SERIES OF CRIMES UP
BEFORE QUERRY

When the defendants failed to appear this afternoon, Justice Querry continued the Barker-Wells-Roberts case until Saturday on the ground that they had probably not been given sufficient notice to appear.

Fred Barker, Harvey Wells and Wiley Roberts, charged with the theft of a Dodge roadster from C. W. Holland of West Tulsa over four months ago, are scheduled for the last half of their preliminary hearing before Justice J. H. Querry this afternoon.

The state introduced its evidence in the case against Barker, Wells and Roberts 127 days ago. At that time the defense was postponed because one of the attorneys was called out of the city. It has continued to be postponed. Local attorneys say they know of no other preliminary hearing on a felony charge in their experience where the state's testimony and that of the defense were heard 127 days apart.

During the four months that have elapsed since the first half of their trial the three defendants have been out on bond. They were arrested in Kansas City where W. H. Spurgeon, employee of a filling sta-

tion there, says they tied him up and then blew the safe. He positively identified Barker and Wells, also the Cadillac car they were driving and the revolver said to have been used by Wells.

Their arrest was caused by Roberts. Kansas City police say they found him in the Cadillac "reeling" drunk. When taken to the station two women appeared and sought his release. The officers were about to turn him over to the women as a harmless drunk when he began to rave and remarked that he was a hi-jacker and a darn good one too.

Following his information as to the whereabouts of Barker and Wells, alleged by him to be his pals, the officers went to 404 Whitaker place, Kansas City and found a small arsenal there. They encountered Barker, Wells and another, said to be Fred Etheridge, in the alley. A gun battle in which Barker was wounded ensued. Barker and Wells were captured. The fourth man escaped.

At Kansas City Roberts and Wells signed statements. Roberts denied participation in the robbery of the filling station but swore that they had stolen the Dodge car from Holland before leaving Tulsa. He boarded it and stole a Chandler and later stole a Cadillac, in which he was captured. At Picher, Roberts said, they drew their guns and started to rob a bank but one of the boys got cold feet. His statement asserted they had planned to pull off another daring robbery but were prevented by their capture.

It is understood Roberts now claims the confession was wrung from him by force while he was intoxicated.

K.C. Feb 7-37

CHARGED WITH RIFLING MAIL

**Two More Ardmore Carriers Held
for Trial by Federal Court.**

ARDMORE, Feb. 7.—Hirschel
Eschman, 19, and Lester F. White,
23, of Ardmore, were arrested by
federal officers late yesterday
charged with rifling mail and dis-
posing of checks which were said to
have been taken from the letters.
They are being held in county jail
awaiting trial before Commissioner
G. A. Spaulding.

Two other mail carriers were ar-
rested Saturday on charges of hav-
ing tampered with mail entrusted to
their care.

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DIVORCES ASKED

Maegle Faulkner from Joe Faulkner, married Nov. 4, 1921, cruelty alleged; Florence Connell from Michael Connell, married Oct. 10, 1900, cruelty alleged; One Wheeler from Lasco P. Wheeler, married May 25, 1918, cruelty alleged; Joe Schlicht from Vera Schlicht, married Dec. 16, 1925, infidelity alleged; Ethel Miller from Harry E. Miller, married March 28, 1923, cruelty alleged; Bernice Evans from Sam A. Evans, married Jan. 12, 1925, neglect alleged; Elvora Morris from Edward Morris, married Sept. 12, 1921, abandonment alleged; George Coker from Mayme Coker, married Nov. 28, 1922, cruelty alleged; Arthur Dunlap from Caroline Dunlap, married August 1895, abandonment alleged.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Mary Maude Van Huss from Jesse I. Van Huss, married Jan. 5, 1924, infidelity alleged; L. S. Liberty from Fred E. Liberty, married August 20, 1922, cruelty alleged; Genevieve Funk from Lester Funk, married Jan. 28, 1924, cruelty alleged; Grace Hieginbotham from V. S. Hieginbotham, married May 23, 1915, abandonment alleged; James Edward Shea from Thresa Shea, married Oct. 2, 1922, abandonment alleged; Eva E. Hyer from L. B. Hyer, married Nov. 24, 1925, cruelty alleged.

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July 11, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY
BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.
1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

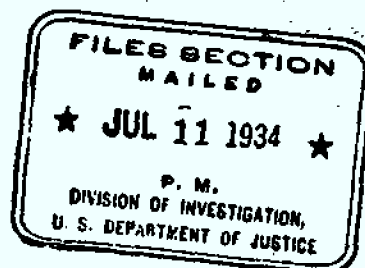
There are transmitted herewith photostats of the
ten newspaper clippings furnished the Division by Inspector
Clegg with his letter dated June 19, 1934. These newspaper
clippings make reference to Volney Davis and other members
of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 557270

cc-St. Paul
Chicago
Oklahoma City



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

June 18, 1934.

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased); et al, Fugitive; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. Number: 62-28915

Specimens: One original letter printed with pencil on both sides of one sheet of paper beginning "Dear Enemy; In regards to your T.D.M. stories of my friend Pretty Boy Floyd, etc."
One envelope in which above letter was mailed addressed Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and postmarked Sparrows Point, Md., May 16, 1934, 6 PM.

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City Office.

Date received: June 12, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: S.F. Pickering.
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The letter was printed on a piece of white woven paper measuring 10.32 by 6.3 by .0038 inches, and weighing 3.1884 grams. This sheet is a little wider at the center than at the edges and appears to have been machine cut at a slight angle after having been folded.

The envelope which is of different stationery than the letter measures 6.53 by 3.54 by .0050 inches and is of plain white paper.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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62-28915-1804

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased);
et al, Fugitive; Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Division June 12, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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Enclosure:



1816 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
June 19, 1934.

AIR MAIL.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
316 Hewes Building,
San Francisco, California.

JUN 22 1934 AM
DIVISION ONE

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON O. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased)
ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to the report by Special Agent R. C. Suran dated at Chicago, Illinois, June 16, 1934, in connection with the above entitled case. There is noted in the report in question an undeveloped lead for the San Francisco office to conduct immediate investigation at San Francisco, in order to locate Irene Dorsey, supposed widow of the deceased Fred Goetz, alias James George Zeigler. The undeveloped lead requests that the San Francisco office openly interview this woman when located.

Your attention is directed to a letter dated April 2, 1934, addressed by the Kansas City office to the Chicago office, and to a letter dated March 29, 1934, addressed by the Salt Lake City office to the Chicago office, copies of which were furnished to you from this office. It will be noted from those letters that the individual known as Gus Stone, or Stevens, is said to be on intimate terms with Irene (Dorsey), and that he would probably be located in her company. It is also indicated that the individual known as Big Homer, probably identical with Homer Wilson, might be located through the party known as Gus Stone or Stevens.

Information, which appears to be reliable, due to the fact that it was secured first from Arthur Johnson, a prisoner in the Colorado State Penitentiary during June 1933, and 1934 A.M. later from Eddie Doll, now confined in the U. S. Penitentiary.

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Leavenworth, Kansas, is to the effect that Gus Stone, or Stevens, and probably Big Homer, no doubt participated in the instant massacre. It appears that Johnson and Doll, while members of the same underworld mob, had no opportunity of conferring with each other regarding the information which they furnished. It may be noted that Arthur Johnson, a few days after this massacre in June, 1933, named Vernon C. Miller and Fred Goetz (mentioned as Shot Gun Zeigler) as participants in this offense. Investigation developed unquestionable proof of an implication of Vernon C. Miller, and, also, after the death of Goetz, his photograph was identified by Special Agent Y. J. Lackey as a likeness of one of the assassins.

Pursuant to conversation had by me with Mr. Newby in the Division, telephonically, today, I conferred by telephone with Special Agent Montgomery of your office, and advised that it is desired that discreet investigation be instituted immediately to locate Irene Dorsey at San Francisco, and that her movements and all her activities be thoroughly covered by surveillance for the next ten days or two weeks. She should not be openly approached at this time, and an effort should be made to locate the male contacts who may be implicated in this case, namely, Gus Stone, or Stevens, Big Homer, or any other individuals, whom your investigation may develop.

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[REDACTED]
These should be forwarded to the Kansas City office immediately as the investigation progresses, if they can be secured.

Irene Dorsey should not be allowed to escape ultimate interrogation, but it is suggested that this take place only after you have had an opportunity of making all observations which would be beneficial to the solution of this case. It is suggested that through cooperation of the local officers any of her male companions be detained, held incommunicado, fully questioned, and all particulars regarding them secured.

3. Please advise this office as to all developments taking place as to the above telegraphically, or by telephone. The Kansas City office has in its territory numerous individuals to whom photographs as mentioned above could be displayed at any time, which might result in an identification of the participants in the massacre. Also Eddie Doll, who is confined at Leavenworth, Kansas, in the United States Penitentiary, would, upon viewing a photograph of Gus Stone, or Stevens, identify it as that individual.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Chicago(2)

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

June 20, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased,
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194, et al,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

There is attached hereto photostatic copy of the fingerprint card of HARRY CARLTON, Chicago P.D. #C-16239, which the Kansas City Office has requested be furnished to the Division for comparison with the latent fingerprint evidence now in the possession of the Division relative to the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Kansas City
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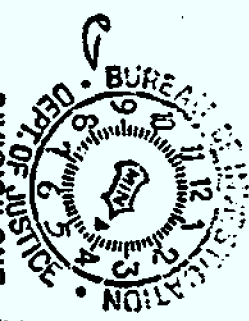
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Department of Justice
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Chicago, Illinois.

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DIVISION ONE



June 20, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased,
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194, et al,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.
Chicago File No. 62-1694.

Reference is made to the letter addressed to the San Francisco Office by the Division on April 2nd, 1934, a copy of which was furnished to the Chicago Division Office, and to the letter from the San Francisco Office to the Director, dated April 7, 1934, a copy of which was also furnished to the Chicago Division Office concerning the following telegrams:

"Retel Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, had no record to whom one thousand dollar note paid - Montgomery Acting"

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The above telegram was sent in reply to a telegram from the Chicago Office, which reads:

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"Contact Federal Reserve Bank your city have them trace if possible their one thousand dollar note series nineteen twenty eight serial 1 naught naught naught six six six three A. Wire reply. Purvis"

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A review of the file indicates the desired information apparently has not been furnished to the Division and San Francisco Office, and I have to advise that at the time these letters were received former Special Agent W. Carter Baum was handling the matter. A further review of the file indicates that the telegrams in question refer to the above

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entitled case and the Federal Reserve Bank note was one which was found on the person of Fred Goetz, alias J. George Ziegler at the time he was assassinated in Chicago, Illinois, on March 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

RCS:GVT
CC: San Francisco.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEYER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

WESTERN UNION (37)

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Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
June 18, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, deceased;
RICHARD TALMAN GALATAS with aliases-
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194;
et al - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL
PRISONER -

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;
Edward George Bremer - Victim; KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:-

In reply to copy of letter from Chicago office to the
Kansas City office dated June 16, 1934, please be advised Mr. H. E.
McConnell of the Title Division, Secretary of State's Office, Lansing,
Michigan was contacted by long distance telephone, who caused a
search of the records to be made and advised that, according to his
records, no Cadillac Sedans, Motors #1001172 and #1000154 had ever,
according to his information, been registered in the State of Michigan.

A letter is being submitted herewith to the Cincinnati
Division office requesting that the motor vehicle registrations of the
State of Ohio be immediately checked for the information desired.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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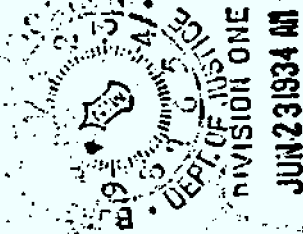
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MO.**

FILE NO. **62-10** **1k**

REPORT MADE AT: BUFFALO, N. Y.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/21/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/7, 14/34	REPORT MADE BY: G. V. DOHERTY
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased; RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:



Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Cady, Leroy, New York, unable to supply any additional information as to possible whereabouts of Dick Galatas and his wife. Long distance telephone calls charged to Leroy 49 and 481 procured and set forth. Results of cover on mail of the Cady family and the firm of Cady and Babcock set forth.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent G. V. Doherty, Buffalo, N. Y., dated 5/14/34.

DETAILS:

AT ROCHESTER and LEROY, NEW YORK

Mr. J. E. Wykoff, Rochester Telephone Company, Lincoln Alliance Bank Building, upon being interviewed by the writer, advised that the only telephone calls charged to Leroy 49 and 481 are as follows:

DETAILS:

Leroy 481 - listed under the name of Roscoe W. Babcock on May 4, 1934 received a long distance telephone call from Mrs. Babcock at Townsend 88-7094, Detroit, Michigan at 9:13 p.m. to Mr. Roscoe W. Babcock.

Leroy 49 - Has not had any long distance telephone calls.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. P. MacFarland</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-28915-1810 JUN 22 1934 P.M. BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: <i>one</i> FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: JUN 22 1934 CHECKED OFF: JUN 26 1934 JACKETED:
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Mr. Wykoff stated that the above record covered the period between May 8, 1934 and June 10, 1934. He also stated that he caused the files to be searched and ascertained that there were no telegrams charged to the said numbers for that period.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee H. Cady, upon being interviewed, advised the writer that they have not been in communication with the rest of the family since the last interview and, therefore, have no additional information as to the possible whereabouts of Betty or Dick Galatas; that it has been Mrs. Cady's intention to communicate with other members of the family, but she has been unable to do so because of the pressure of other business. She stated that she feels positive that had any of the family heard from Betty or Dick they would have immediately communicated with them.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cady stated that in the event they receive any information concerning Betty or Dick they would gladly furnish same when subsequently interviewed; however, they would not voluntarily notify the Buffalo Division office, due to the fact that they did not care to jeopardize themselves.

Carrier Leo Mooney, No. 1, Leroy Post Office, Leroy, New York, whose home address is the post office similar to the Cady family home, upon being interviewed, stated that he has closely observed the activities of the Cady family and they have not done any entertaining for a considerable period of time; that he has not observed any out of the state cars in the vicinity of their home, nor has he seen any strangers visiting at that address; that Mr. Cady is now driving a Plymouth Sedan which bears 1934 registration number 587077, having turned in the plates which he had on the previous car, said plates being 1934 - 2-J-5578.

Mr. Mooney further advised that Carl D. Getchel and his wife, who were living at the Cady home and also at the Babcock home, on April 1, 1934 left a forwarding address to 7142 Evans Ave., Chicago, Illinois, c/o E. F. Murchison. Mr. Mooney stated that Carl D. Getchel's wife's first name is Laura.

Carrier Mooney advised that he will continue to observe the Cady home, and in the event he receives any information of value, the Buffalo Division office will be notified; that he is also watching all mail addressed to the Cady and Babcock families and making notes thereof (mail deliveries from points outside the State of New York); that it would be practically a physical impossibility to note all the mail delivered to the firm of Cady & Babcock, as they are at the present time receiving a large amount of mail.

The writer ascertained that Postmaster Houston was replaced by Postmaster Gleason on May 1, 1934, but Postmaster Gleason was not in at the time of the writer's visit and the writer, therefore, interviewed Deputy Postmaster L. A. Kelly.

Mr. Kelly, upon being interviewed, advised that he had no knowledge of the request made by the Division to cover the mail of the Cady and Babcock families, and thereupon called Leo Mooney to the office, at which time Mr. Mooney stated that he believed he turned over to Mr. Houston all the data which he had, but that in view of the fact that Mr. Gleason, who replaced Postmaster Houston, did not request same, he retained these memorandums in his personal file.

The writer noted the following mail which was received by the Cady family:

May 6, 1934 - Letter addressed to Mrs. Lee H. Cady from H. T. McFadden, Hotel Arlington, 480 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California

May 7, 1934 - Registered letter addressed to Mr. Cady from Ella Byron, Mills, Pennsylvania

May 10, 1934 - Letter addressed to Mr. Lee H. Cady from Walter McFadden, Dresden, Canada

May 24, 1934 - Registered letter addressed to Mr. Cady from Mrs. Ella Byron, Mills, Pennsylvania

May 26, 1934 - Letter addressed to Mrs. Lydia McFadden from G. W. Smith, Vulcan, Alberta

May 29, 1934 - Letter addressed to Mrs. Lydia McFadden from Flossie Smith, Vulcan, Alberta

Mr. Mooney stated that that was all the mail which he has received; that he has not noted any mail being forwarded by the Cady and Babcock families, and due to the fact that the mail from the firm of Cady & Babcock is delivered at the Post Office and is handled by various clerks, it has been impossible to check the said outgoing mail.

Mr. Kelly was then requested by the writer to keep in constant contact with Mr. Mooney and to forward as soon as received any return addresses noted by Mr. Mooney. Mr. Kelly immediately instructed Mr. Mooney to turn over to him daily any addresses noted by him, and stated he would furnish same to the Buffalo Division office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

AT LEROY, NEW YORK - The Buffalo Office will subsequently interview Lee H. Gady and his wife for such additional information as they may have. Will also personally contact Carrier Mooney and Mr. Gleason, ascertaining whether or not they are still maintaining a cover on the mail being sent to the Gady and Babcock families, and also for what additional information they may have.

AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK - Through Mr. J. E. Wykoff will check the long distance telephone calls being made to and from Leroy 49 and 481, subsequent to June 10, 1934.

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FUGITIVE IS SLAIN

Gunman Believed to Be Last of
11 in 1933 Break.

MIAMI, Okla., June 14 (AP).—An
outlaw slain in a gun battle with po-
lice here early Tuesday was tenta-
tively identified yesterday as Jim
Clark, last of the 11 prisoners who
escaped from Kansas State Prison,
Memorial day, 1933. The other 10 pris-
oners have been killed or recaptured.

Fingerprint comparisons will be
made for definite identification.

The gunman and a companion were
fatally shot after they had killed a
merchant policeman. The other gun-
man was identified as Leroy Denniston
of Oklahoma.

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REPORT MADE AT: Detroit, Michigan	DATE WHEN MADE: 6/21/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/12/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. L. MURPHY
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Letter sent from 231 N. Champion Street, Youngstown, Ohio was written by George T. Ganley, a man 74 years of age who is employed by the Home Owners Loan Corporation and bears a good reputation with that organization.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. E. Peters, Detroit, Michigan dated 5/9/34.

DETAILS:

AT YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Inquiry was made of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Stevens, 231 N. Champion Street, to ascertain the identity of G. I. Gauly who had sent a letter to the mother of Beulah Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens advised Agent that there was no one living at that address by the name of G. I. Gauly but that there is a man living there by the name of George T. Ganley; that this man is employed by the Home Owners Loan Corporation in Youngstown, Ohio and has been living in Youngstown for approximately one year. They stated that he was from Kansas City, Missouri and that he is a man approximately seventy-four years of age.

DETAILS:

Inquiry was made at the Home Owners Loan Corporation office in Youngstown, Ohio and these statements as furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were verified. Mr. Ganley bears a good reputation with the Home Owners Loan Corporation. Agent, under the circumstances, did not deem it necessary or advisable to interview Mr. Ganley.

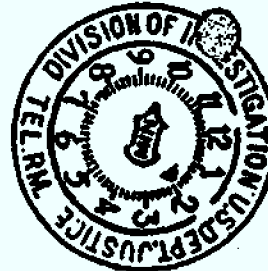
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Special Agent Val Zimmer of the Chicago Office telephoned on June 19, 1934 to advise that information had been received showing that B. E. Gerson had returned to his apartment, 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois and requested advice whether the Division desired Gerson, whose true name is Jules Galatas, trailed by Agents of the Chicago office. I told Mr. Zimmer that I could see no reason for placing a trail on Galatas at this time, but suggested that arrangements be made to cover his activities very closely through a mail cover and a check on all long distance telephone calls and Western Union and Postal telegrams. Mr. Zimmer stated that they had a very good contact at the apartment where Galatas is residing and in the event any strangers are seen about the apartment, the Chicago office will be promptly notified. He also stated that arrangements are being made with the telephone company to cover all long distance calls made from the apartment.

In connection with the Bremer case I suggested to Mr. Zimmer that attention be given to the fire which occurred at Williams Bay, Wisconsin on January 28th, pointing out that Williams Bay is about six miles from Marion, Wisconsin and also in the vicinity of the Hotel Como owned by Hermanson, an ex-Chief of Police of Forest Park, who is now vacationing with Russell Gibson at Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin. The Chicago Office has also ascertained that the towels found in the possession of Tommy Carroll were taken from this Hotel Como. Mr. Zimmer stated that he would call this matter to the attention of Mr. Cowley and Mr. McIntyre.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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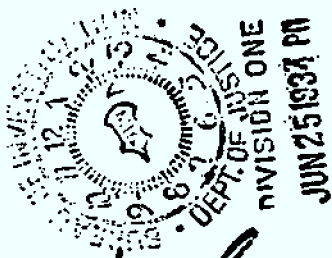
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Mr. Edgar Hoover

Enclosed find the article which aroused my interest and causes me to congratulate you on your wonderful ability in rounding up your men as law-abiding citizen. I not only congratulate you, but am giving you a tip on the whereabouts of one James Clark. It has come to my attention that such a man is to be found at the Bill Hall's farm which is about twenty miles from Dodge - Iowa.

He may not be your man, but by his talks of how he lost his pal at the Union station - Kansas City leads me to think that I am right.

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TWO—GENERAL NEWS

U. S. Agents Make Formidable Mark in "Getting Their Men"

Participants in Kansas City Massacre Apprehended.

KANSAS CITY, MO. (AP)—One year ago Monday, machine gunners killed four officers and their prisoner in the Union station plaza.



EDGAR HOOVER.

Scarcely had the echoes of the murderous rat-tat-tat died away than Edgar Hoover, chief of the federal bureau of investigation, put his men to work on the case.

"We never stop until we get our men if it takes ages to accomplish it," he said.

The government has piled up this formidable record in the intervening 12 months.

Three dead.

Two in prison for life.

Six arrested and released under bond.

Verne C. Miller, identified by the

Nov. 29, his body trussed up jack-knife fashion. He was the victim of his own gangster world. Officers believe that gangsters reasoned if they got rid of Miller it would put a stop to the widespread federal search which might endanger them.

Posse Kills Pair.

Bob (Big Boy) Brady and Wilbur Underhill, two of the convicts who fled the Kansas penitentiary on Memorial day, 1933, and believed by authorities to have been in the gang at the Union station, were wounded fatally by posse bullets, Underhill at Shawnee, Okla., Brady near Paola, Kan.

Harvey Bailey, a friend of Frank Nash, the gangster prisoner who was killed with the officers at the Union station, now is serving a life term at the Leavenworth federal penitentiary as one of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma oil millionaire.

Bailey Identified

Bailey, another of the convicts in the Memorial day break, was identified as the man who limped to the information window in the Union station that fatal June day and asked when the train would arrive from Fort Smith, Ark., on which Nash was in the custody of officers. Nash had escaped from Leavenworth and was being returned to prison after his arrest in Hot Springs, Ark.

Ed Davis, sought for questioning in the station killings, was sentenced recently in California to 11 life terms for robberies.

Many Free on Bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Farmer of Joplin, Mo., Mrs. Mary Nash, widow of the slain gangster, Mrs. Louise Connor, Fort Smith, Ark., Louis Stacci, Chicago roadhouse operator, and Fritz Mulloy, of Kansas City, Mo., all indicted in the station case on charges of conspiracy to obstruct justice, have been arrested and released on bond.

James Clark, still another in the Memorial day prison break, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd, the

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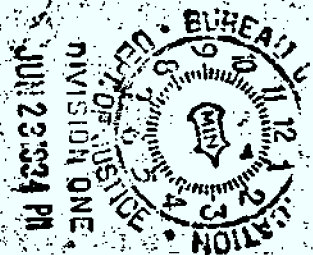
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REPORT MADE AT: CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-21-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6/9-19/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. C. SURAN CVT
TITLE: CHANGED:			CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, a. Verne C. Miller, a. V. C. Moore, a. Vincent C. Moore, a. V. C. White, a. V. C. Mason, DECEASED; HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, a. Herb Farmer, a. Herbert Black, a. H. A. Patton, a. W. H. Williams, a. W. H. Baker, a. Harry J. Garner, a. Harry Allen Farmer, a. William Hilary Baker; MRS. ESTHER FARMER; MRS. FRANCES NASH, a. Mrs. Frances Miller, a. Mrs. Frances Harrison, a. Mrs. George W. Miller, a. Frances Mikulich Miller; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, a. Dick Galatas, a. Richard F. Galatas, a. Dick Gladis, a. Prichard Sheridan, a. Dick Sheridan, a. Richard Gray, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; MRS. E. B. CONNER, a. Mrs. Louise Conner, a. Lou Conner, a. Mary Conner; ROBERT G. BRADY, a. Bob Brady, a. Pat Brady, a. J. H. Taylor, a. Bob Ross, DECEASED; HARVEY J. BAILEY, a. J. J. Brennan, a. John Brown, a. F. J. Bloom, a. J. P. Bloom; WILBER UNDERHILL, a. Wilbur Underhill, a. Henry Wilber, DECEASED; FRANK B. MULLOY, a. Fritz Mulloy, a. Fritz Malloy; LOUIS STACEY, a. Louis Stacey, a. Doc Stacey; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, a. Frank Mitchell, a. "Pretty Boy" Smith, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.			CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Myron R. Gerson reported to be nephew of Mrs. B. F. Gerson, visited latter in Chicago, Illinois, from June 9 to 12, 1934. Telegram dated 6/11/34 sent to Jules Galatas signed by Corrine, undelivered, and returned to Mrs. B. F. Gerson. Jules Galatas registered Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, 10:30 p.m. 6/12/34 and is presently residing at 1117 N. Dearborn with Mrs. B. F. Gerson. Mrs. Gerson received letter from Dallas, Texas, dated 6/10/34. Cover placed on mail, telephone calls, and telegrams going to Mrs. Gerson and Jules Galatas. Arresting</p>			
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officer of Subject Galatas in 1923 unable to furnish helpful information. Subject Galatas sentenced to serve three months and pay one thousand dollar fine House of Correction, Chicago, Illinois, 11/5/23 but apparently never entered the institution. Disposition sheet attached. Frank Barton, gangster, denies he possesses information concerning this case. Barton is to be returned to St. Paul, Minnesota, for prosecution on State charges.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, 6/14/34; report of Special Agent D. O. Smith, Birmingham, 6/14/34; letter from St. Paul Office dated 4/30/34; letter from Kansas City Office dated 6/12/34.

DETAILS:

On June 9, 1934, Acting Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson of the Birmingham Office advised the Chicago Division Office, by telephone, that Jules Galatas received a night letter dated June 8, 1934, at Chicago, Illinois, addressed to Jules Galatas, care of Bill Toole, Montgomery, Alabama. The night letter read as follows:

"Company arriving tomorrow Saturday leaving Tuesday or Wednesday. Will write. Corrine"

Special Agent V. W. Peterson communicated by telephone with Mr. F. K. Butterfield of the Western Union Telegraph Company and requested him to make an immediate check of the said telegram in order to establish the identity of the individual who dispatched the telegram to Jules Galatas. Mr. Butterfield later telephoned and advised that the telegram in question was sent from the Western Union Office at 154 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. The sender, who signed her name as Corrine, furnished an address of 1117 North Dearborn Street, Apt. 611, Chicago, Illinois. It will be noted from previous reports submitted in this matter that 1117 North Dearborn Street is the address of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Gerson. From Mr. Mylotte, Manager of the premises, agent determined that the Gersons occupied Apt. 611 and it therefore appears that Mrs. Gerson sent the above telegram to Jules Galatas.

Mr. Mylotte advised that on June 8, 1934, Mrs. Gerson had made a reservation for her nephew, Myron R. Gerson, who was supposed to visit her from Alabama. Mr. Mylotte stated that it was his understanding that this nephew had previously visited Mrs. Gerson. He stated that Myron R. Gerson was about 21 years of age; that this information had been obtained from Mrs. Gerson. It was not known to the Chicago Division Office where Pat Sturney, stepson of Subject Dick Galatas, was presently located and it was believed that possibly Myron R. Gerson might be identical with Pat Sturney. This office communicated with Acting Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson by telephone and was advised by the latter that the whereabouts of Pat Sturney was known to the Birmingham Division Office and that at approximately five a.m. on June 10 Sturney was in Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Mylotte subsequently advised this agent that Myron Gerson arrived at the Dearborn Apartments on the night of June 9; that he saw this individual for a moment and he appeared to be 20 or 21 years of age, distinctly Jewish in appearance, about 5'8" in height, and heavy set.

On June 12, 1934, Mr. Mylotte advised this agent that on the evening of June 11, 1934, a telegram was received at the Dearborn Apartments for Mrs. B. F. Gerson, at which time Mrs. Gerson was presently absent from the apartment and subsequently communicated with the operator of the apartment house and inquired if any messages had been received for her. Upon being advised by the operator that a telegram was at the apartment for her Mrs. Gerson requested that the operator read the same. The telegram was to the effect that the telegram which had been addressed by Mrs. Gerson to Jules Galatas at Birmingham, Alabama, was not delivered due to the fact that Jules Galatas had left Birmingham for Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Butterfield of the Western Union advised that the telegram referred to above was forwarded to Jules Galatas care of Bill Toole, Montgomery, Alabama, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 6/11/34, reading as follows:

"Company leaving Wednesday afternoon expect you
arrive here same day. Corrine"

In view of the fact that the notice stating the telegram could not be delivered was addressed to Mrs. B. F. Gerson it appears that Mrs. Gerson is identical with Corrine.

The results of the attempted surveillance of Jules Galatas by the Chicago Office on June 12, 1934, is set forth in the letter addressed to the Birmingham Office under date of June 14, 1934, copies of which were furnished to the Division, Kansas City and Cincinnati Offices.

Mr. Mylotte advised that Mrs. B. F. Gerson had received a letter dated June 10, 1934, from Mrs. F. Leach, Southland Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

Upon receipt of the reference report of Special Agent D. O. Smith concerning the letter addressed to Jules Galatas on the stationery of the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, this agent made inquiry of M. W. Garvey, clerk at the Great Northern Hotel, who produced two registration cards for Jules Galatas, one registration being on April 13, 1934, and the other on June 12, 1934, at 10:30 p.m. On both occasions Jules Galatas gave as his address 107 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Garvey stated that he knew Galatas by observing him at the hotel during the times that Galatas was a guest on April 13 and June 12, 1934. He stated that although Galatas registered from Montgomery, Alabama, he was of the opinion that Galatas resided somewhere on the North side in Chicago, Illinois, as he personally had observed him in that vicinity. He stated that he observed no other individuals contacting Jules Galatas at the hotel and he had no information concerning any contacts Jules Galatas may have in Chicago.

Mr. F. E. Weller, clerk, Great Northern Hotel, stated that he recalled registering Jules Galatas at the hotel on June 12, 1934, but he had no further information concerning him.

Both Mr. Garvey and Mr. Weller were shown the photograph of Dick Galatas and neither could identify the photograph as being the likeness of anyone who had ever been observed by them at the hotel.

Further interview was had with Mr. Mylotte at 1117 North Dearborn Street, who advised that Mr. B. F. Gerson returned to the hotel on the night of June 15, 1934, and was observed by him on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th of June. Mr. Mylotte, the manager, and Mr. Ivie, the auditor, both stated that they had observed B. F. Gerson closely and his description was identical with that as furnished for Jules Galatas. Arrangements were made to have the Chicago Office advised if any telegrams were received by the Gersons or Jules Galatas at this address, and agent further requested that all records of incoming or outgoing long distance telephone calls be maintained for examination by an agent of this Division. Mr. Ivie advised that on June 19, 1934, a telegram was received at the apartment for either Mr. or Mrs. B. F. Gerson; that the said telegram was received about 7 a.m. on that date.

A request has been made of Mr. Butterfield of the Western Union to secure all information available concerning this wire. Upon the receipt of information the same will be immediately reported and such action taken as is warranted.

By letter dated June 16, 1934, the Postmaster at Chicago, Illinois, was requested to place a thirty day mail cover on all first class mail addressed to Mr. or Mrs. B. F. Gerson and Jules Galatas at 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It was further learned from Mr. Mylotte that Myron Gerson departed from the Dearborn Apartments on June 12, 1934, his destination being unknown to Mr. Mylotte.

No surveillance is being maintained of Jules Galatas by the Chicago Division Office in view of telephonic instructions from the Division to Assistant Special Agent in Charge Val C. Zimmer that the same would be unnecessary if proper arrangements were made for the covering of the mail, telephone calls, and telegrams at 1117 North Dearborn Street.

Concerning the identity of A. R. Hollander, M.D., 30 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, who wrote a letter under date of May 26, 1934, to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gerson, agent interviewed Mr. Larson in charge of the Michigan Boulevard Building, 30 North Michigan Boulevard. Mr. Larson advised that Dr. Hollander has been a tenant at the Michigan Boulevard Building for approximately twelve years and specializes in nose and throat diseases; that he is also connected with the Medical Institute, which occupies Room 715 in the same building. Mr. Larson advised that Dr. Hollander is a reputable physician and makes his home at 411 Fullerton Parkway. The telephone numbers of Dr. Hollander's residence were determined to be Diversey 7233 and Mohawk 2960. His office telephone number is State 1492. Further attention will be given to Dr. Hollander if it is determined that he is a regular correspondent of the Gersons, as it is noted a mail cover is presently in effect.

Concerning the criminal record of Richard Tallman Galatas in which it is shown that Galatas, as Richard F. Galatas, was arrested by the Police Department, Los Angeles, March 14, 1923, charge, fugitive bunco from Chicago, this agent conducted investigation at the Bureau of Records, Chicago Police Department, and examined case files #29245 and 154702 pertaining to the bunco charge against Subject Galatas in Chicago. It was learned that on October 7, 1922, Subject Galatas passed a check in the amount of \$550.00 on the Peoples State Bank of Chicago, Illinois, the check being drawn on the Hellman Bank of Los Angeles, California, and signed by Betty McFadden, which check was subsequently returned as it was worthless. The file reflected that the McFadden woman was supposed to be Mrs. Richard Galatas. The file further

reflected that the Peoples State Bank of Chicago, Illinois, obtained information confidentially from Jules Galatas that on November 17, 1922, Richard Galatas was residing with Betty McFadden under the alias of Richard Gray at 1204 Maple Avenue, Los Angeles, California. A letter was contained in the file dated March 13, 1923, signed by L. D. Oakes, Chief of Police, Los Angeles, California, advising the Chicago Police Department of the arrest of Mrs. Richard Galatas, alias Jane Smith, alias Betty McFadden, alias Elizabeth Tallman at Los Angeles, California. Further information was obtained that Betty McFadden and Richard Galatas were returned to Chicago, Illinois, by Officers E. P. Birmingham, William P. Kennedy, and policewoman Elizabeth Hughes on April 4, 1923. The police records further show that Richard Galatas was convicted and sentenced to serve three months in the House of Correction, Chicago, Illinois, and fined \$1,000.00 for operation of a confidence game growing out of the passing of the worthless check to the Peoples State Bank. Mrs. Richard Galatas, alias Betty McFadden, was also indicted with Richard Galatas on April 6, 1923, on the same charges but was acquitted.

It was learned that Lieutenant E. P. Birmingham is now stationed at the 29th Police District, Chicago, Illinois. Captain William P. Kennedy is stationed at the headquarters of the Chicago Police Department but is presently on extended sick furlough and is reported to be presently confined in the hospital. Policewoman Elizabeth Hughes is presently stationed at the 25th District Police Station.

Agent made inquiries at the House of Correction, Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of determining if Subject Galatas had a correspondence record at that place but agent was advised by officials of the House of Correction that there was no record of a Richard Galatas ever having served in that institution and suggested that it was possible he may have served in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois.

The records of the Cook County Jail disclosed that Richard Galatas was confined therein on April 4, 1923, and was subsequently released on bond on May 25, 1923, at which time he gave as his home, Los Angeles, California, his occupation as a bond salesman and stated that both of his parents were deceased.

At the office of the Clerk of the Criminal Court, Criminal Courts Building, Chicago, it was learned that Mrs. Richard Galatas,

alias Betty McFadden, and Richard Galatas were indicted under indictment #30716 and on November 5, 1923, Richard Galatas was sentenced to serve three months in the House of Correction and pay a one thousand dollar fine after his conviction on charges of operating a confidence game. Mrs. Galatas was acquitted on the same charges. The record further showed that Galatas was released on one thousand dollar bond and the same was forfeited on November 13, 1923, but the forfeiture was set aside on the petition of Frank M. Hanley, 2267 North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, inasmuch as the answer to this petition by the States Attorney's office revealed that the bond forfeiture had been entered in the journal through error and that Subject Galatas was present in court on that date. It is interesting to note that the property which had been put up for security had already been sold by the Sheriff and the court ordered it returned to the bondsman.

Upon receiving this additional information an additional search was made by the officials at the House of Correction and they still were unable to locate a record of Richard Galatas being confined in that institution.

A further examination of the journal entry contained in Volume 55-A, page 147, in the possession of the Clerk of the Criminal Court, revealed that the sentence of Richard Galatas was to serve three months in the House of Correction and to pay a fine of one thousand dollars. If the fine was not paid it was to be worked out at the rate of \$1.50 per day. A motion was made on November 13, 1923, to vacate the sentence and the hearing on same was continued to December 15, 1923, as the defendant was not present. The bond was forfeited and a capias issued. No further record was contained in the journal and apparently Richard Galatas should have served the sentence imposed by the court. The jacket contained in the file of this case in possession of the Clerk of the Criminal Court, contained a notation that the sentence was one year in the House of Correction and one year probation. This apparently was in error, it appearing that the sentence of three months and one thousand dollar fine is correct, although it apparently was not served by Galatas. A disposition sheet is being submitted furnishing this additional information to the Division.

A request has been made by the Bureau of Identification, Chicago Police Department, to be furnished with a copy of the fingerprints of Betty McFadden, Chicago Police Department #88762, and that same will be furnished to the Kansas City Division Office, the information not being presently in the possession of the Chicago Office whether the Division is in possession of these fingerprints.

Agent interviewed Lieutenant E. P. Birmingham, District 29, Chicago Police Department, who advised that he recalled the case involving Richard Galatas. He stated that the complainants in the matter, the Peoples State Bank, were no longer in existence. He stated that as he recalled Dick Galatas and Betty McFadden were enroute to Los Angeles, California, from New York City at the time they stopped off at Chicago on October 7, 1932, and passed a worthless check at the Peoples State Bank. He stated he had no information concerning any local contacts on the part of Richard Galatas. He further advised that Policewoman Hughes conducted no investigation in the matter but merely accompanied Officer Kennedy and himself to Los Angeles to assist in returning Betty McFadden to Chicago.

Agent endeavored to locate Frank M. Hanley, bondsman for Subject Galatas at 2267 North Kedzie. Inquiries of the landlady at this place revealed that Hanley had not resided there for approximately six years and his present whereabouts was unknown. She stated that Hanley was in the real estate business in Chicago at that time and had some sort of a political job; that she could furnish no additional information in that regard. Agent attempted to locate Hanley through the Chicago and suburban telephone directories but was unsuccessful.

The reference letter from the St. Paul Office advised that one Frankie Barton was returned to Chicago, Illinois, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to face charges of murder in Chicago; that Frankie Barton was a Minneapolis gangster and had, in discussing the Kansas City massacre with a friend, remarked that one Gus was probably involved in the killing. This information was obtained by the St. Paul Office through a confidential informant.

This agent communicated with Deputy States Attorney Crowley, Criminal Courts Building, Chicago, and was advised that Frankie Barton would not be tried for murder in Chicago but an extradition warrant had been signed and that Barton would be removed to Minneapolis on robbery charges on or about June 10, 1934, but that Frankie Barton was presently confined in the Cook County Jail. Frankie Barton advised his true name is HESSIE Blumenthal; that he is married and has three children and resides at the Wabash Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that for about fifteen years prior to the time that Mr. Hertz severed his relations with the Yellow Cab Company he was employed by Mr. Hertz as a taxi driver; that for the past five months he has been employed by Jack Heck, a well known gambler at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Barton

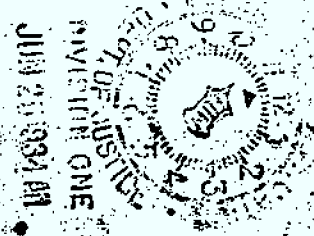
stated that he absolutely had no information concerning the Kansas City massacre; that he knew no one by the name of Gus who might have been involved in the killing and stated the only information he had concerning that case was what he had obtained from reading the newspapers. He denied that he was acquainted with Fred Goetz, Gus Stevens or Gus Stone, C. J. Fitzgerald, Verne Miller, or any member of the Karpis-Barker gang. He further stated that he had never seen any of the Karpis-Barker gang in the gambling establishments of Jack Heck. He was pressed for more information concerning the locations of these establishments in Minneapolis, Minnesota, but he advised that Heck was well known as were his establishments and he did not deem it necessary to go into detail on this.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DALLAS OFFICE at Dallas, Texas, will ascertain the identity of Mrs. F. Leach, Southland Hotel. For the information of the Dallas Office it is stated that Mrs. B. F. Gerson is the paramour of Jules Galatas with whom he has been living for the past two years at 1117 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. It is thought that Subject Dick Galatas might possibly contact Jules Galatas and therefore investigation at the Southland Hotel should be conducted with a view of ascertaining if Subject Galatas is known at that place.

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Post Office Drawer 1457
Saint Louis, Missouri
June 21, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased;
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE - I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194,
ET AL,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 7, 1934, requesting certain information in connection with the registration of an automobile by Jules Galatas.

Special Agent G. B. Morris of this office learned at the office of the Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, that Illinois 1934 license 236-326 was issued on March 3, 1934 to Jules Galatas, 1117 Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, for a Plymouth Business Coupe, 1933 model, serial No. 2197386, motor No. PDL86036. The application for registration of this car shows same was purchased new on December 14, 1933 by bill of sale from the Wenzel Motor Company, 1143 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois; that there is no lien on the car and it was registered in the State of Illinois in 1933 under No. 282596. The Notary who executed the jurat is Harry J. Sunderland, Cook County, Illinois, and a request was made that the plates be mailed to Jules Galatas at 1117 Dearborn Street, Apartment 611, Chicago, Illinois.

The records further show that Illinois 1933 license No. 282596 was issued on January 28, 1933 to Jules Galatas, 6216 Everhart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for a green Hudson sedan, serial No. 828098, motor No. 565518, 1929 model, purchased January 17, 1933, and not registered in Illinois in 1932; however, the application shows that this automobile was registered in 1932 under No. 437800, the State in which it was registered for that year not being known. The Notary who executed the jurat to this application appears to be Albert Perdeck Patak, State of Florida at large.

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Very truly yours,

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L. B. REED,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Saint Louis, Missouri
June 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased;
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE - I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194,
ET AL.

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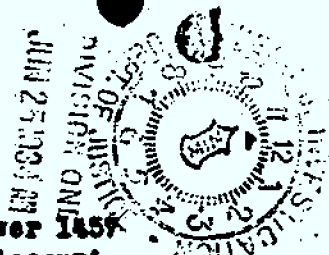
Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter of June 11, 1934, to the San Antonio Division Office, wherein a list of telephone numbers is set out, in which list appears the number Forest 5183. Reference is also made to your letter to the Director under date of May 26, 1934, wherein the telephone number Garfield 9504 is listed.

As explained to you during your visit at this office on June 19, 1934 in connection with other matters, I have learned since my recent arrival in this district that the St. Louis Office has experienced difficulty in the past and is still experiencing such in attempts to obtain information concerning telephone numbers from the local office of the Telephone Company. Mr. Nouse, an attorney, Chief Special Agent for the Telephone Company here, is exceedingly strict in giving out such information. Special Agent F. F. Yearley has advised me that in the past Mr. Nouse has approved the giving of such information only to Special Agent John E. Brennan, and that on one occasion Mr. Nouse stated to Agent Yearley that he, Nouse, would not allow such information to be given to any agent who might be transferred to St. Louis. Agent Brennan is now on special assignment out of this district, and I do not know when he will return.

A few days ago I accompanied Agent Yearley to the office of Mr. Nouse for the purpose of meeting him and to establish the proper relationship between his office and this Division, and also to obtain the necessary information concerning the two telephone numbers above mentioned. It was learned that Mr. Nouse was out of town at that time, but would return that afternoon. I conferred with Mr. Nouse's assistant, who noted the two telephone numbers and stated that he would present the matter to Mr. Nouse and attempt to have the latter approve our obtaining the information desired. Although days have elapsed since I conferred with Mr.



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Mouss' assistant and although Mr. Mouss has returned to the city, this office has received no word; however, Mouss' assistant promised that either he or Mouss would telephone this office and give their reply as to whether the information would be furnished.

I shall make every attempt to obtain the information in connection with the telephone number mentioned, and if it can be secured the proper investigation will be conducted. The assistant in Mr. Mouss' office advised that the telephone number Forest 5163 was listed in the name of Edward Jenkins, 4577a Easton Avenue, St. Louis, and that this telephone was disconnected on May 23, 1934. He could not approve, in the absence of Mr. Mouss, a search of the files to develop any information in connection with this number or the application originally made for the installment of the telephone, or with respect to long distance calls made from that telephone.

So far no information is known concerning Garfield 9504.

Very truly yours,

L. B. REED,
Special Agent in Charge.

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June 20, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NEWBY

During telephonic conversation this morning, Mr. Clegg stated he had in his possession a letter which had just been received by Edward Bremer from one Ed Williams, Fort Smith, Arkansas, stating that there is a prisoner serving time in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, for harboring a gang of kidnapers, who was formerly a county official. It was stated in this letter that his prisoner has information as to how to locate the kidnapers of Bremer. Mr. Clegg stated he had just called the Oklahoma City Office on this matter, but that he thought possibly the files here might indicate what county official in Arkansas had been sentenced for harboring this particular gang. He suggested that if information in this regard is found here, it might be well to transmit it to the Oklahoma City Office for its information.

Will you please take care of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
Director

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Washington, D. C.

June 20, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the phone call from Mr. Clegg to you today, wherein he stated that he was in receipt of a letter from one Ed Williams, Little Rock, Arkansas, indicating that a former prosecutor of Arkansas is now serving a sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, having been convicted on a charge of harboring kidnapers, please be advised that I have no personal recollection of a former County Attorney in Arkansas who is serving a sentence under the above circumstances. There is, however, a memorandum in the Kanmo case, submitted by Special Agent L. M. Chipman, dated September 16, 1933, at Little Rock, Arkansas, wherein he states that an informant, John L. Moore, advised him that a former Prosecuting Attorney, whose name he believes to be Fred Green, is an associate of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. There is nothing in the memorandum to indicate that Green has been prosecuted and I caused the files of the Identification Unit to be checked under this name, as well as the index of the Division. An examination was also made of the list of gangsters submitted by the Oklahoma City Office, without locating the name of any individual who may be serving a sentence under the circumstances above related. I requested Mr. Coffey to examine the personal appearance sheets submitted by the Oklahoma City Office and he furnished me with the following names of known kidnapers who have an Oklahoma State Penitentiary record:

W. A. McClatchey, #20207
R. G. Williams #27364
Troy White, #26740
Eddie Clanton, #17669

The above names were checked with the Division index without success, these individuals apparently being subjects of State kidnaping cases.

Incidentally, Langford P. Ramsey is an attorney who was prosecuted and received a sentence of two years and six months in

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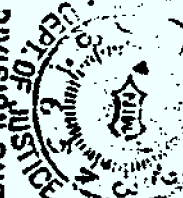
connection with his harboring George "Machine Gun" Kelly. The file does not show where Ramsey is serving his sentence but it is presumed that he was sentenced to the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

P. O. Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama
June 21, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank,
Kansas City, Mo.

JUN 25 1934 AM
DIVISION ONE

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(Deceased); RICHARD TALMAN
GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
Identification Order 1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, Identification
Order 1194; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above entitled case there are attached hereto three copies of memorandum prepared by Special Agent E. S. Hostetter, of the Birmingham Office, concerning the undercover investigation made by him in Montgomery, Alabama, at which time he endeavored to cultivate Pat Cardella Sturney, the step-son of "Dick" Galatas, for the purpose of securing information concerning Galatas, or the latter's wife, who is Sturney's mother.

It will be noted from this memorandum, copies of which are being forwarded to the offices set out below, that Sturney indicated that he had not heard from his people, meaning Galatas or the latter's wife, for a year. Inasmuch as the efforts to secure this information in this manner were unsuccessful, it is the intention of the Birmingham office, if the Kansas City office approves, on a date in the immediate future, to contact Sturney openly, pointing out to him that Galatas will be located some day, and that it would be to Sturney's advantage, in the interest of his mother, to assist in every manner possible in locating Galatas.

It is believed that this inquiry of Sturney, however, should be postponed for a week or more in order that Sturney would not associate the inquiry with Special Agent Hostetter's recent visit, although, it is believed that he did not suspect whatsoever the nature of Special Agent Hostetter's business.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hansen,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Birmingham, Alabama,
June 21, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

SURVEILLANCE OF PAT GARDELLE STURNEY
From June 6 to 15, 1934.

Wednesday afternoon June 6, 1934, agent called the Y. M. C. A., Montgomery, Alabama and inquired regarding accommodations for one roomer for a few weeks. Upon being informed that they at present had one vacancy a single room, agent asked that they reserve that room for him. Upon registering the agent was assigned to room 313, and was asked to sign his name on a register, together with the date of his arrival and the number of his room. A hurried examination of this register revealed that Pat Sturney had registered in May 28, 1934 and was rooming in 332, on the same floor as 313 but around the hall. The above and the following investigation was conducted for the purpose of contacting Pat Gardelle Sturney, the step-son of Richard Galatas, acquiring his friendship and then attempting to find out where his step father or mother were living.

That evening the agent mingled with the boys in the lobby in the hope that he might by the general conversation become acquainted with Pat Gardelle Sturney, who for a number of years has used the name Pat Sturney.

On Thursday morning, June 7, the agent questioned the clerk in regard to the manner in which they handled their mail and was informed that it was deposited in the pigeon holes for the various rooms. These were located in the rear of the clerk's office. That afternoon the agent noticed that the box for room 332 contained a letter and decided that by loafing around the lobby and observing the boys as they called for their mail, Pat Sturney could be easily identified. This particular mail remained uncalled for, and Friday morning, June 8, the agent asked the clerk for the mail in Box 332. The clerk tossed the letter out on the desk and as it was addressed to Mr. Howard Leach, the letter was returned immediately and agent remarked that he did not know that a Mr. Leach was rooming in 332 and the clerk advised that Leach had moved in with Sturney about a week ago.

The agent up to this time had been asked the usual number of questions regarding what he did and what he planned to do in the future and the answers generally were as follows: During the past year agent was an assistant coach at Washington & Lee University and that his summers were free. A friend at Commencement, working for a retail credit company had suggested that agent accompany him on a business trip to Southern Alabama. The agent had accepted but the trip had become tiresome and the agent decided to stay in Montgomery while his friend attended to his business.

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That the friend would probably return sometime within the next two weeks and that then the agent was not sure just what he would do or where he would go. The above facts are included in this report in order that the following investigation may be better understood.

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On Friday evening, June 8th, a general conversation with the Y. clerk, the agent overheard a telephone conversation between some woman and the clerk, in which she asked for Pat Sturney, and upon being informed that he was not in she requested that the clerk ask him to call her if he came in before twelve o'clock. The number was repeated by the clerk and remembered by the Agent, Cedar 4141 J. The agent for the second time decided to wait for Sturney's return. Sturney did not return until sometime after two o'clock. Saturday morning, June 9, the agent noticed that the phone slip in box 332 was gone and upon questioning the clerk, was advised that Sturney came in about three o'clock and asked for the slip but did not make a call. The agent checked the phone number, Cedar 4141 J, and discovered that the above phone was listed under the name of William I. Turby, living at 109 Woodley Terrace, Montgomery. A former report of this case revealed that Pat Sturney had been having dates with a girl named Myrtle Duncan. A check of the telephone directory revealed that a Mrs. Myrtle Duncan was listed and that she too lived at 109 Woodley Terrace, her telephone number, however, was not Cedar 4141 J, but Walnut 1368-M. The city directory revealed that William I. Turby was a news writer for the Montgomery Herald.

The agent returned to the Y, that afternoon contacting the two boys who roomed next door to Pat Sturney. These boys attended Georgia Tech. and the conversation soon drifted into colleges and people that attended them. Presently a third young man, Oliver Rountree, came in and entered into the conversation, mentioning that he had attended the University of Alabama. The agent recalled that two brothers, Frank and Pennie Raffle, whom the agent had known at Washington and Lee had transferred to the University of Alabama, and he asked Mr. Rountree if he knew these young men, and he informed Agent that he did know them, and after a lengthy conversation concerning these two young men, the agent asked if the Pat Sturney who was rooming here in the Y. could be the Pat Sturney that Frank Raffle had continually spoken about, and Mr. Rountree advised that they were very good friends. He further advised that Frank Raffle and Pat Sturney were drinking mates; that they were well known for their "shines" and that they drank continually while they attended the University. Mr. Rountree was advised that Sturney's girl was in town and that he had been staying out in town with her, except for the time that he worked, and the agent inquired where he worked, in order that he might at least go down and say "hello". Mr. Rountree advised that Sturney worked in the stock room of I. Silver & Bros., 115 Dexter Avenue. He advised further that Sturney's room mate, Mr. Leach, went to the University of Alabama, and that he was also one who liked to drink liquor.

Sunday night, June 10, agent entered Pat Sturney's room and introduced himself to Mr. Leach and inquired for Mr. Sturney. Mr. Leach advised that Sturney was conducting a rather strong courtship at present and probably wouldn't arrive until the "wee hours" of the morning. The agent upon being questioned by Mr. Leach told substantially the same story that had been formerly related to Mr. Bountree. The agent left about eleven o'clock after requesting Mr. Leach to inform Sturney that a friend would like to say hello before leaving town. Around midnight Mr. Leach and Mr. Sturney came to agent's room. About one o'clock in the morning it was suggested that the group go out and buy a drink. Sturney had at least ten dollars. The following facts were mentioned at this time by Sturney while paying for his drink, concerning his past and present life. Mr. Sturney had been living in Montgomery for the past nine years. He was born 1911, entered University of Alabama four years ago and was forced to discontinue school because of the depression. During the first three years his people paid all his expenses and also sent a check for \$250.00 each month. He then joined the Sigma Chi fraternity. That while he still considered Montgomery his home, his folks as he referred to them, had left some ten years ago; that he had been working for Silver Brothers as a stock room clerk, but had recently been laid off but was confident that he would be recalled. That recently a girl whom he had been dating for a number of years informed him that she was pregnant and requested that he make the necessary arrangements to prevent her from becoming a mother. He alleged that a doctor and nurse had been employed and that he had been spending the majority of his time with this girl; that the entire affair would probably cost him \$25.00.

Monday morning, June 11, Sturney met the agent on the street and during the conversation mentioned that he had a drink in his room and invited the agent to help himself if he cared for a stimulant. The agent visited his room under the pretext of accepting this invitation and searched for information that might indicate the present location of Richard Galatas. The above search failed to reveal any information.

Tuesday morning, June 12, Sturney's box contained a letter addressed to Mr. Pat Sturney, 5 I.H.O.A. Montgomery, Alabama, post marked Helena, Arkansas, return address Frank Moseley. The agent called the Special Agent in Charge and informed him of the above letter and was in turn requested to contact the post office authorities to ascertain if a tracing had been made of that particular letter.

The Montgomery Post office authorities informed the agent that a tracing of the letter had been made and they were requested to handle it in the usual manner.

That night, Tuesday, June 12, Pat Sturney came in while the agent was visiting his room mate, Mr. Leach, and after the usual greetings suggested that we go out and get a drink. Mr. Leach begged to be excused and consequently the agent and Sturney went alone. During the evening Sturney remarked that he had been the victim of circumstances and upon being questioned by the agent made the following statement, "that his folks had been exceptionally good to him during the first three years that he attended the University; that he returned his Senior year, thinking that the usual check would be forthcoming. He had always spent his money freely and for the first three months had been able to live on his good credit, but as time went on his friends disappeared and in the end he was forced to discontinue school." Upon being questioned, he informed agent that his father was dead, and while his step father had always supported him, still he didn't take the place of a father. Also, that the financial reverses his family had suffered and the drinking reputation that he had acquired had tended to separate him from his family. Upon being asked if his family had disinherited him, he said, "Well, I haven't heard from them for nearly a year."

Upon passing the Montgomery Herald building, Sturney called the agent's attention to a parked automobile and remarked that the owner of the car worked at night for the Herald and had married a girl that he courted for a number of years, and in fact was still courting. Sturney called no names, but the agent is of the opinion that Miss Myrtle Duncan married William I. Turby.

Wednesday morning, June 13, Sturney called Cedar 5914 and requested information concerning the patient. A check of the above number revealed that he had called Miss Guscia Peterson - 218 Catoma Street, Montgomery. During the above telephone conversation the agent read the letter that Sturney received the day before and discovered that it was written by a former school mate who was now playing base ball for Helena, Arkansas. The letter was signed "Bully" and it appeared that Moseley, the writer, is called "Frank", "Bully" and "Chester".

The following description was obtained from observation:

Pat Gardelle, alias Pat Sturney	Weight	155#
White	Hair	Black
Age 23, born 1911	Eyes	Grey
Male	Build	Stocky
Single	Teeth	Good
Residence, Montgomery, Ala.	Complexion	Dark
Occupation, Stock room clerk.	Marks & Scars.	None
Member Sigma Chi Fraternity		
Height 5'7"		

The agent's personal opinion regarding Pat Sturney is quoted for assistance and information in any future interview.

Pat Cardello Sturney, is a quiet, well educated, polite, has a pleasing personality and is not afraid to work. While he is well acquainted with gamblers and bootleggers in Montgomery, he does not associate with them but has attempted to overcome his step-father's reputation, and at present is acquainted with a better class of people. He has two great weaknesses, women and whiskey. He does not associate with women of known immoral character, but does select those who are inclined in that direction. He is an habitual drinker but not a drunkard. He considers the small criminals fools, but said nothing indicating his opinion of the so-called big ones. It is the agent's opinion that Pat Sturney does not know where his father and mother are living, but if he does, it might be possible to persuade him to furnish the Division with that information.

D.S. Hostetter
Special Agent.

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June 28, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, Identification Order 1201; CHARLES
ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, Identification Order 1194; Con-
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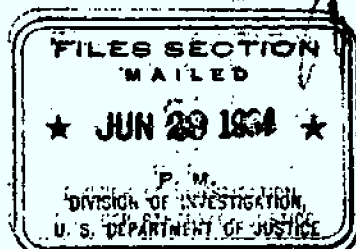
The Division is in receipt of your letter dated June 21, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City office, in the above entitled case, with which were transmitted copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent D. S. Hostetter, covering an undercover investigation made by the latter in Montgomery, Alabama, at which time he endeavored to cultivate Pat Gardelle Sturney.

The Division is of the opinion that Sturney should be approached openly in the manner indicated in your letter. The interview should be conducted in a manner which will not antagonize Sturney and with a view to cultivating a desire on his part to cooperate with this Division in effecting a peaceful apprehension of his stepfather.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC Kansas City.



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June 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

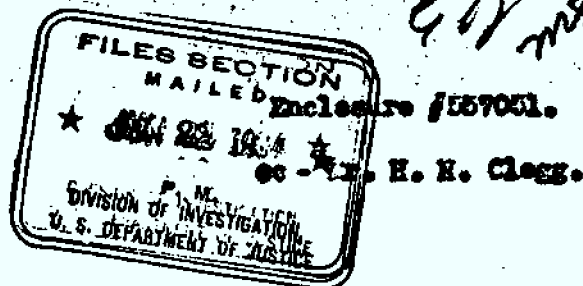
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 12, 1934, submitting fingerprints of Lester Wilson, arrested at Las Cruces, New Mexico, for comparison with the latent impressions taken at the house occupied by Vernon C. Miller in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased) et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The fingerprints of Wilson have been compared with the remaining unidentified latent impressions in the above mentioned case, but no identification has been effected. A search of the main files of the Identification Unit disclosed the enclosed prior criminal record on Wilson.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois

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DIVISION ONE
DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, deceased;
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.
#1194; et al Conspiracy to Deliver Fed-
eral Prisoner

and
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219;
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;
Kidnaping

Dear Sir;

Reference is made to your letter dated June 16, 1934, concerning Cadillac Sedan, Motor #1001172. From inquiry made of W. A. Moore, Auditor of the Automobile License Division, State Revenue Department, it was ascertained that the aforementioned automobile has not been registered in the state of Arkansas during the year of 1934.

Very truly yours

E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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Laboratory Report

June 19, 1934.

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (Deceased), et al, Number: 62-28915
Fugitive; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Specimens: One original letter written in pencil on both sides of two sheets of paper and beginning "Helloe Grand Island Police I am writing in regards too Pretty boy Floid he and the other 4 are, etc." One envelope in which above letter was mailed to Police Headquarters, Grand Island, Nebraska, postmark indistinct.

Examination requested by: Omaha Office.

Date received: June 12, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination: Examination by: S.F. Pickering.
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The letter was written on two sheets of paper 7.99 inches long, each sheet varying from 4.97 to 5.00 inches in width, and from .0043 to .0046 inches in thickness. The paper is ruled with 18 lines on the front and 22 lines on the back, the width between lines being .349 inches. The lines on the front begin 1.75 inches from the top. The paper bears the watermark "Irish Linen" which is listed in Lockwood's Directory of 1933 under the names of George B. Hurd & Company, New York, and the Whiting Paper Company, Holyoke, Massachusetts.

The envelope which is of different stationery is of white paper having a linen finish bearing no watermark, the dimensions being 7.50 by 3.93 by .0037 inches.

A report on the fingerprints will be submitted separately.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Omaha, Nebraska.

JUN 27 1934

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased)
et al, Fugitive;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division June 12, 1934.

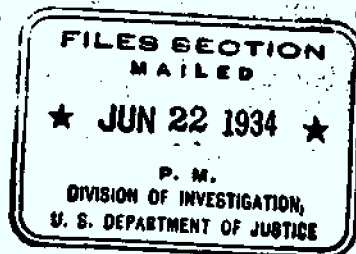
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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Enclosure:



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Postoffice Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
June 22, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C MILLER, with aliases-Deceased;
RICHARD F. GALATAS, W.A.-FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases-
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Will you please furnish the Birmingham office with 24
additional copies of Identification Order No. 1194.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hanson
J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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